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The faces that tell of the unbearable suffering in the siege of Sarajevo





Masks of tragedy: a mother weeps in Sarajevo's Muslim cemetery for a family member; and Irma Hadzimuratovic, right, victim of a mortar shell, is soothed in her hospital bed



EYEWITNESS SARAJEVO
by Joel Brand

IRMA Hadzimuratovic is five years old. She is waiting to die. Her brown hair boyishly short and her head wrenched back, she lies writhing in pain in a darkened Sarajevo intensive care ward.

Ten days ago, Irma and 14 other Sarajevans, most of them children, were hit by shrapnel in a market. Irma's mother and another women died. A child was also killed.

Irma was hit by several pieces of the shell, one ripping through her back, slamming into her fragile spine. Another entered her brain.

At her bedside, her doctor explains that she is condemned to die by a combination of the brutal war against civilians, and apathy. As the surgeon points out the signs that her life is slipping away, Irma grasps a blond-haired doll wearing a pink-knit top and a purple-knit bottom. She cries about the pain in her head and slowly kicks her feet, still holding the doll.

She cannot be saved in Sarajevo, because rebel Serbs and Croats are using humanitarian aid as a weapon to strangle into submission the Bosnian government and its supporters. And Irma cannot leave Sarajevo to be saved, on one of the 15 planes which depart Sarajevo empty every day, because the United Nations will not let her.

Last night she was pronounced fit to travel abroad but her hopes of survival rest on bureaucratic procedures for UN medical evacuations that contain no provisions to airlift emergency cases.

She will probably die today.

"This child doesn't have to die," said Edo Jaganjac, the chief of emergency surgery at Sarajevo's state hospital. "In any normal hospital she would certainly live. It is a textbook case; she will die here, or she could live there," he said, with emotion rare after 16 months of an endless parade of the dying.

What Irma needs for speedy surgery is X-rays and some relatively simple laboratory tests. The problem is not that fighting is making routes unsafe for humanitarian road convoys, but that well-armed and determined armies are preventing supplies from reaching areas under government control.

This has been happening for 16 months, and will continue to happen until the rebels achieve their goals or the West uses force to deliver aid. In spite of dozens of agreements and commitments to allow aid to move freely, more than a million people are living under virtual siege.

In Sarajevo, the hospital does not have electricity for X-ray machines, a laboratory or even the life-saving equipment in the intensive care ward. The bank of machines at the head of Irma's bed have not worked since April. The ward in which she lies darkens with evening and by 9pm there is only the noise of patients and nurses.

"I'm sorry we are not in a position to help her," Dr Jaganjac said. Since Wednesday he has banged on the doors of UN aid agencies, desperately trying to save the girl's life. But no one will sign the paper allowing her to live.

Medical evacuations are only for those certain to live. A second reason is that another young girl died after being evacuated several months ago, and no one was sure what to do with her body. Dr Jaganjac said he was told the agencies deal with general conditions in the hospitals, not individual cases.

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Arsonists get forest fire blame

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AS forest fires raged in Italy, Spain and southern France yesterday, Italian troops were deployed in an attempt to fight blazes in ten regions, including Sardinia, where officials blamed criminals for carrying out "a strategic plan of devastation".

The defence ministry said that 500 troops, 50 vehicles and 14 aircraft were assigned to help civil protection authorities.

Fires in Calabria, Umbria and Sardinia have been blamed on arsonists, and three suspected arsonists were arrested in the province of Liguria. A man was killed near Olbia when flames engulfed his motorbike.

At least 200 firefighters were still trying to extinguish fires near Ponte-Leccia in Corsica after 2,500 acres of forest was destroyed. At least two fires were attributed to arson. French emergency crews were on full alert after a blaze began accidentally in Draguignan, destroying 1,500 acres of trees.

In Spain, aircraft and helicopters fought fires raging in Catalonia, Valencia and Andalusia. The highway between Valencia and Madrid was sealed off for five hours on Saturday due to fire danger.

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Major's ecu plan reopens Tory rift

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

CONSERVATIVE tensions over Europe swiftly resurfaced yesterday as it emerged that John Major is likely to revive his plan for a common European currency after last week's collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism.

Both Euro-sceptic and Euro-enthusiast MPs have misgivings about the "hard ecu" idea, which Mr Major first mooted as Chancellor, and they warned him against reopening old wounds so soon after the ratification of the Maastricht treaty. But even as they did so, Sir Edward Heath was upsetting the fragile truce with an outspoken attack on Euro-sceptic cabinet ministers whom he claimed were deliberately working the prime minister.

Sir Edward said Mr Major had helped himself politically by singling out cabinet "bastards" during a private conversation he did not realise was being recorded. The former prime minister told BBC Television's *Breakfast with Frost* programme: "We all know there are members of the cabinet deliberately working against him. They are well known. But there are junior ministers, too. One sees them in the House of Commons in corners, playing around with those who object to Maastricht and all the rest of them. It is a horrible sight."

But while Sir Edward endorsed the prime minister's stance on Maastricht, he opposed his "hard ecu" plan, pressing instead for a single currency.

Mr Major's original idea was to allow the ecu to operate alongside national currencies and to evolve into a single currency if it was so widely used that national systems became redundant. The idea was rejected by Britain's partners because it did not lead automatically to a single currency, but some ministers believe it may now be seen as a viable option and, if the cabinet agrees, Mr Major might resuscitate the proposal at a special EC summit expected in October. The object would be to prevent other countries trying to rush towards monetary union as an escape from the ERM debacle, and Mr Major would hope for backing from Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, who supported the plan in 1991.

Sir Edward Heath, however, was dubious: "What is the point of having a common currency and having all the complications of 12 other currencies?" he asked. "Businessmen want a single currency. We must have currency that is strong enough to stand the speculators. The only way you can do that is to have one strong currency."

Sir Leon Brittan, the European Commission vice-president, also gave a warning that some countries wanted to speed up progress to a single currency. Despite the "setback" of last weekend, the question of a single currency was not going away, he said: "Many of our partners are seriously interested in accelerating and going faster rather than slower."

Those in favour of the hard ecu include the former Chancellor Norman Lamont, who described the idea as attractive. "Mr Major deserves great credit. The hard ecu is a voluntary approach to monetary union," Mr Lamont told BBC Radio's *The World This Weekend*. But he said Sir Edward's idea of moving towards a single currency was "a strange reaction to the events of the last few months. They have demonstrated how difficult it is to maintain the ERM in a world in which capital flows freely. It would be perverse to draw the conclusion that we should move ahead to a single currency."

Euro-sceptic MPs meanwhile cautioned Mr Major against any new initiatives. "I would have thought we needed a period when we did nothing," John Townend, chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee, said. "Those of us who are opposed to a single currency should not do anything that might one day help it on its way. Now that the ERM has collapsed, a period of masterly inactivity is required."

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New threat to franc

The French franc is expected to come under renewed pressure in the foreign exchange markets today after the central bank raised hopes of an early cut in interest rates to revive the economy (Colin Narbrough writes).

The Bundesbank indicated at the weekend that the markets should not assume that an automatic cut is imminent in its key lending rates.

Figures on the British economy this week are expected to underline the growing robustness of the recovery...Page 32

Clinton threatens action on US deaths

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton threatened "appropriate action" after four American soldiers were killed in an ambush in Somalia yesterday, but he remained unwavering in his support for the UN peacekeeping effort, and rejected pressure from Congress to end American involvement in Somalia.

The four soldiers died when their convoy hit a landmine in a suburb of Mogadishu, the Somali capital. It was the third attack on UN peacekeeping troops since Wednesday, believed to have been instigated by supporters of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the fugitive Somali warlord, and it underlined the heightened danger faced by UN soldiers.

The threat of pending US retaliation was emphasised by



Clinton: no unilateral American retaliation

Admiral Jonathan Howe, the retired American admiral and UN special envoy, who said: "I will take appropriate action to defend our people. We will not tolerate this terrorist campaign by General Aidid."

Mr Clinton said that "we will do everything we can to find out who was responsible and take appropriate action". But he added that America would not mount a unilateral effort and would instead work with its UN allies. He also reaffirmed his support for the UN operation, saying it had prevented worse atrocities.

The killings, however, threaten to undermine the non-partisan support which Mr Clinton has received for his Somalia policy. Senator Robert Dole, the Republican minority leader, said the administration should reassess its role in Somalia, and that the time may have come for the troops to return home.

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Disc jockey quits BBC live on air

BY BILL FROST

DAVE Lee Travis put principles above career yesterday as he annnounced his resignation live on air to millions of slightly startled BBC Radio One listeners.

The greybeard disc jockey stopped the music to tell his lunchtime audience that he had endured enough. He blamed changes being made within the BBC, which has employed him since 1967.

Afterwards, speaking about himself in the third person, he said: "Dave has left because he is a man with some principles. You can only take things for so long. I have stood up to be counted."

The Hairy Cornflake, a self-coined nickname from his

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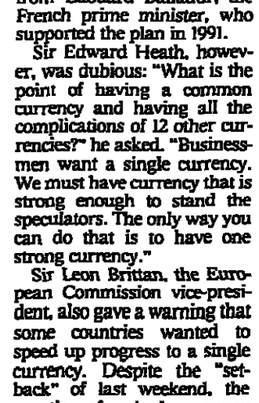
Drive to help gifted children

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

STATE schools will be expected to inform parents how they cater for gifted children as part of a government drive to nurture outstanding talent.

Campaigners have welcomed ministers' decision to recommend that every school publishes a policy for bright children in its prospectus from next month as the biggest advance since the second world war. The move comes after concern that the most able pupils are being neglected by schools and do not receive the special attention they require.

A government-commissioned survey published three years ago disclosed that only five local education authorities employed full-time experts with the job of ensuring that the potential of gifted children is maximised. Experts estimate that one in 20 children is gifted.



Michael Short, director of the National Association for Gifted Children, said the education system was now a lottery for children with special talents. "Only a minority of schools recognise the ability of gifted children and seek to develop it fully. Often this rests on the goodwill of an individual teacher," he said. "People think gifted children are an elite. But unless their abilities are recognised and schoolwork is tailored to them, they can turn their frustrations on themselves and become aggressive or withdrawn."

The education department said the new guidelines were designed to encourage all state schools to adopt clear strategies to help exceptionally able children. It had organised two conferences in conjunction with the Office for Standards in Education to emphasise the initiative.

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Family orders new pathology report on Joy Gardner

BY BILL FROST

A SECOND post-mortem examination is to be carried out today on the body of Joy Gardner, the Jamaican woman who collapsed during a struggle with police attempting to enforce a deportation order.

Yesterday, there was anger among those who knew the dead woman over remarks made by a Conservative backbencher who claimed that if Mrs Gardner had "gone quietly none of this would have happened".

According to the family solicitor, a coroner's pathologist who conducted an examination last week said Mrs Gardner died after the oxygen supply to her brain had been cut off. Another lawyer, who represented the dead woman in her fight against deportation, claimed she had been subjected to "medieval methods of restraint" when police arrived to serve the order at her north London home.

Today's examination is being carried out at the request of Mrs Gardner's family by Dr Ian West, one of the country's leading pathologists. A doctor representing the Police Federation will also be present.

With three officers suspended and an internal enquiry under way since the raid on Mrs Gardner's home in Hornsey 11 days ago, the federation is keenly aware of allegations that police "behaved in a brutal fashion". Members of the family are said to have a video showing bruising to her throat and wrists.

Djemal Dervish, the dead woman's solicitor, told *The Times* that "equipment used to pacify Mrs Gardner by officers who served the order belongs in the Tower of London". He alleged that a "4in-wide leather belt with steel ring and handcuffs had been used in addition to other medieval methods of restraint".

Sonal Ghelani, the family's solicitor, said yesterday that her clients had requested an independent examination of the body as "much still required clarification". She also expressed concern that no date had yet been set for the opening of a full hearing before a coroner's court into the circumstances surrounding Mrs Gardner's death.

Teresa Gorman, Conservative MP for Billericay, said yesterday that Mrs Gardner had been "bumming on the social services for five years". She told BBC TV's *Breakfast with Frost*: "We must remind ourselves that this woman had been fighting extradition because she was an illegal immigrant for five years.

"She has cost the British taxpayer an enormous amount of money. If she had gone quietly none of this would have happened."

Mrs Gorman said she regretted the death of Mrs Gardner, but added: "This is not a dumping ground for anyone who wants to come and live off the backs of the British taxpayer."

Ms Ghelani yesterday described the MP's remarks as "a typical right-wing Tory reaction". She also attacked reports that Mrs Gardner had entered into a marriage of convenience and subjected her disabled husband to a catalogue of violence.

"These stories are not only highly distasteful but also detract from the central issue of the case. Joy Gardner died in hospital just days after police had served a deportation order.

"We should be looking at the methods those officers used, the policy of the Home Office and how such a tragedy is to be avoided in the future. These distasteful reports of violence by Mrs Gardner against her husband are made by those who know that she is no longer in a position to answer back."

MICHAEL POWELL



Overshadowed: a classical dance is performed as part of the Hindu community's 20th anniversary celebrations at Bhaktivedanta Manor, near Watford, Hertfordshire. The shrine is threatened with closure by the local council

Blacks ignore calls for mass turnout over woman's death

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SURVEYING the turnout of black and white people for the Joy Gardner rally on Saturday, Gary MacFarlane, of the Socialist Workers party, was clearly chastened and disappointed.

Having been in the vanguard of attempts to mobilise the black community to turn its anger into riot, the SWP was thwarted when fewer than 1,500 demonstrators gathered in north London to protest at her death.

Mr MacFarlane blamed the media for the small turnout, saying it had frightened off many older members of the black community by claiming the march could develop into a riot. Members of the black community have been angered by attempts to trigger trouble, believing that any disturbances will deflect attention from the manner of Mrs Gardner's death.

One source said: "What is a pity is that the circumstance of an appalling case have been distracted by the involvement of the SWP."

Others, however, have moved quickly in the past few days to seize the initiative from the SWP over Mrs Gardner's collapse and subsequent death. The two key figures were Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police commissioner, and Bernie Grant, Labour MP for Tottenham. So far, their handling of the situation has been vindicated.

Outside Hornsey police station on Saturday, the bitterness of those blacks who wanted to cause trouble spilled over into angry denunciations of others who had allegedly failed to provide the troops to lead an assault on police lines.



Condon: handling of situation vindicated

Black activists waving SWP banners were in the forefront of the protests outside the police station during the march, as they had been when Mrs Gardner's death was announced a week ago. Within 24 hours of her death, SWP posters bearing the slogan "Joy Gardner: murdered by police. No justice, no peace" were put up in north London.

Having seen the SWP try to exploit anger in the black community, Mr Grant moved swiftly to prevent the party hijacking the campaign. A meeting with Mr Condon was followed by the announcement that three officers had been suspended and the end of the aliens deportation unit's involvement in the removal of people from the UK. Sources close to Mr Grant said that Mr Condon had given them everything they wanted.

Bishop wants Serbs bombed

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

AN ANGLICAN bishop yesterday called for the bombing of Serb positions around Sarajevo and for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, to speak out on the moral rightness of military intervention in Bosnia.

The Bishop of Barking, the Right Rev Roger Sainsbury, criticised the Church of England and Dr Carey for remaining silent about the implications of the potential fall of Sarajevo. "I would like to see him speak out on these issues and say enough is enough and that there can be a case for supporting military intervention as there was in the thirties," he said.

The church, while condemming attempts to end Bosnia's ethnic and religious pluralism, has stopped short of endorsing military action.

Bishop Sainsbury said that while the best solution would be for the Serbs to remove their guns from around Sarajevo, the West had to be prepared to use force. "Most people suspect the Serbs will not be prepared to remove their guns. I think some form of air strikes will be needed if they are to be removed."

Earlier, on BBC Radio 4's *Sunday* programme, Bishop Sainsbury said: "I am not asking the prime minister to use the full might of the British military. But I am asking him to take such action and intervention as will save the people of Sarajevo." He said that he was ashamed to belong to a church which had not spoken out more clearly on the moral question of military intervention.

His call follows a statement from the church expressing abhorrence at the shelling, rape and starvation of the people of Bosnia.

The Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry and chairman of the church's international affairs committee, said that it was shocked that the European nations had been unable to end the fighting.

The Bishop of Barking said that while the church had spoken out against "ethnic cleansing", rape and killing, there came a point at which condemnation was not enough. He made his plea for military intervention after receiving a letter from the Muslim council in Sarajevo asking the Church of England bishops whether they were going to "help us live or die".

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Republicans march on Belfast city hall

Police mounted a big security operation in Belfast city centre yesterday as thousands of republicans held their annual anti-internment rally. It was the first time during the past 24 years of violence that a republican march had been permitted in the city centre.

The marchers converged on the city hall and hoisted an Irish tricolour between lamp posts. The Unionist-dominated council had refused them permission to enter the grounds of the city hall — where a Union Jack fluttered on the roof — and no attempt was made to breach police lines. Members of the American IRA support group Noraid attended the rally, which was addressed by Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein. There was no violence, police said.

Patient list 'growing'

The Labour party said yesterday that the number of patients waiting a year or more for treatment had grown by more than 15 per cent in three months, topping the million mark again. The party said that 1,016,262 were waiting for treatment at the end of June, 24,000 more than in March when the last government figures were published. The total was 11,000 more than in April, when a Labour survey showed that hospital waiting had gone over a million for the first time.

Independent denial

Andreas Whittam Smith, founder of *The Independent* and *The Independent on Sunday*, yesterday denied that Associated Newspapers, publishers of the *Daily Mail*, were seeking a stake in the two titles. "The board has received no proposal from Associated Newspapers and neither have our financial advisers," he said. Mr Whittam Smith's statement followed speculation that Associated Newspapers had been in talks with Carlo De Benedetti, an Italian publisher with an 18 per cent holding in the titles.

Rail fare demand

As the government struggles to interest the private sector in its rail privatisation proposals, the Labour party last night demanded a statement on reports that travellers are facing a 10 per cent increase in fares. While BR would not concede rises of more than eight times the current inflation rate were being considered, a spokesman said: "We are looking at all the possible various policies in the privatisation bill." Brian Wilson, shadow transport spokesman said: "It is clear that fragmentation of the rail network will result in higher fares."

Appeal to rape suspect

The policeman leading the hunt for a man suspected of subjecting two girls aged 14 and 15 to an eight-hour rape ordeal in a Portsmouth flat has urged him to give himself up. Det Ch Insp Nick Imber said Hampshire police were pleased with the public reponse to publication of a photograph of Peter Tobin, a Scotsman aged 46.

Rocket hits concert-goer

Three people were injured, one seriously, during a firework display at an open air classical music concert at Eton College, Berkshire. A rocket, let off during Handel's *Firework Music*, struck one man in the face before injuring another man and his girl friend. Douglas Dick, 33, of Surbition, Surrey, suffered facial burns and a broken arm.

Blood doctor to appeal

Professor Jean-Pierre Allain, head of the East Anglian Blood Transfusion Service jailed in France, has been given leave to reopen his appeal in the long-running French HIV blood case. He is seeking to overturn a conviction and four-year prison sentence for giving HIV-infected blood to French haemophiliacs in 1985. Some later died.

Biggs celebrates



Ronald Biggs, left, staged an eight-hour champagne celebration in Rio de Janeiro yesterday to mark the 30th anniversary of the Great Train Robbery. About 150 guests, including friends from America, Germany and Australia, gathered to commemorate Britain's most notorious hold-up. Biggs said he felt a sense of nostalgia about the robbery. "The longer it goes on the better it gets."

Man killed by propeller

A man aged 19 was killed by a powerboat propeller yesterday as he splashed in the sea 100 yards off Barmouth, Gwynedd. Police said that the man, from Walsall, West Midlands, who was in a party of seven adults and two children, fell or jumped from the boat, which had two outboard motors.

Arabs free British pilot

A British helicopter pilot jailed in the United Arab Emirates for living with a married woman was released on bail yesterday, the Foreign Office said. Peter Wade, 41, was taken to a police station to be reunited with his common-law wife Yvonne Wade, 37, who was released on bail from prison on Thursday. The couple await their appeal against conviction.

A victory to remember

Dominic O'Brien, who can memorise 2,000-digit numbers and the sequence of several packs of playing cards, retained his title of World Memory Champion against seven rivals at Simpson's-in-the-Strand in London. During the contest Mr O'Brien, 35, also memorised 100 names and faces; a list of 500 words; and a specially written Ted Hughes poem.

Major hints at curb of welfare handouts

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A HINT by the prime minister that he is preparing to curb social security spending with a review of universal benefits and targeting has been warmly welcomed by influential right-wingers in the Conservative party.

John Major's warning that tough decisions lay ahead was taken by senior Tories as a clear indication that he believes public spending restraint should take precedence over further tax increases in the November budget.

It was seen as important support for the principle, if not the detail, behind the call last week from the Thatcherite No Turning Back group of ministers and MPs for action to stop demand for welfare outstripping growth in the national income.

Restrictions on tax relief on mortgages and the taxation of child benefit are two of the measures believed to be under consideration as means of controlling spending without compromising on Tory election manifesto promises.

Mr Major's remarks also open the way to cuts in benefits that are not means-tested. As *The Times* reported last month, a bill next session will lead to a clampdown on invalidity benefit payments, allowing it to be taxed.

Mr Major delivered the warning on spending in an article in the *News of the World* yesterday. Some MPs saw it as the start of a "softening up" exercise for the public and Parliament.

As a guest columnist, Mr Major wrote: "We must ensure the really needy get all the help they deserve. But we also need to make sure we are not giving taxpayers' money — your money — to people who do not need it."

John Townend, chairman of the Conservative backbench finance committee, said: "I strongly back what the prime minister says. We seem to be getting the message through."

Disc jockey stops the music at BBC

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days as a breakfast show presenter, said he would complete his contract, which expires in October.

In an echo of the speech by Mark Tully, the foreign correspondent who castigated the BBC director-general, John Birt, in public last month, Mr Travis said: "Changes are being made here which go against my principles and I just cannot agree with them."

The BBC hierarchy is reportedly determined to make Radio One's image more youth-oriented. A Radio One spokesman said: "This morning's announcement was a surprise and we are sorry to see him go."

Mr Travis said yesterday: "When I left home this morning I had a feeling I had to say something. It was a bit like indigestion. I knew I wanted my listeners to hear it first because they matter most to me. This is a business with people and they are very loyal."

Technology unplugs a romantic tradition

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

AFTER centuries of helping those in peril on the sea, lighthouse keepers are being replaced by new technology. By the end of the decade, the romantic tradition of lonely men maintaining the beacons in storm-tossed seas will become merely part of Britain's maritime history.

From Muckle Flugga off the northern tip of the Shetland Isles to Les Hanois, which warns of the rocks off Guernsey, the men are being made redundant in the face of demands from the shipping industry to reduce costs.

Most of the manned lighthouse conversions rely on automated diesel-powered machinery to power the beams which must be seen 24 miles away. But others, such as Lundy North, in the Bristol Channel, are being converted to solar power, which throws a light visible from 15 miles. Solar technology is also being used to save money by converting lighted buoys which will require much less maintenance.

Earlier this year, the keepers at Start Point, south Devon, were withdrawn after it was converted to automatic operation at a cost of £82,000. It is estimated this will save £650,000 over its 15-year life.

Last December, the 134-year tradition of manning Bishop Rock, the isolated lighthouse in the southwestern approaches off the Scilly Isles, came to an end when the last keeper was flown ashore.

A spokesman for the Trinity House Lighthouse Service, which received its charter from Henry VIII in 1514, said: "Unfortunately, nothing lasts for ever and although some regarded it as a romantic way of life the modern world demands that costs must be controlled."

To help the 124 remaining keepers, who work one month on and one month off, come to terms with the ending of their peculiar lifestyle, Trinity House will offer them retraining.

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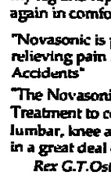
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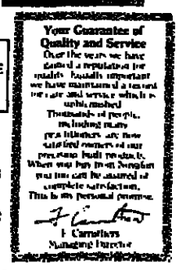
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River yields a harvest of thatch

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Water work: Eric Edwards, right, a Norfolk marshman, bringing in the last of the season's reed before beginning work on the sedge harvest. Based at the Acre Broads Authority estate in Ludham, Norfolk, Mr Edwards uses traditional methods to produce and to transport the crops, used for thatching roofs.

Punting, a graceful method of waterborne transport, has been practised throughout the still, shallow backwaters of East Anglia for hundreds of years. Mr Edwards manoeuvres the reed and sedge harvest slowly through the narrow waterways of the River Ant. This year the estate will harvest more than 6,700 bundles of reed and sedge, which will help to stave off the threat of mechanically harvested reed from Europe.

The finished Norfolk product could be sold many times over. Experienced thatchers recognise the quality of the crop at first sight. In the hands of a skilled craftsman the sedges, made supple by immersion in water, can also be fashioned into many household utensils such as laundry baskets, waste paper baskets and chests.

Britons warned to be on guard against French highwaymen

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

■ Motoring organisations are issuing guidelines to motorists after a series of attacks on tourists driving south

BRITISH tourists have been warned to take additional safeguards to protect themselves against armed gangs who are ambushing motorists travelling to the south of France.

French police are recording at least one case a day where foreign tourists are rammed off the road or forced to stop before being robbed.

Yesterday, Britons were urged to learn the phrase "*prenez l'argent*" — "take the money" — to avoid antagonising thieves. According to motoring organisations, these may be the most important French words they know if they are unlucky enough to encounter highwaymen.

The AA suggested a number of other steps tourists could take to minimise the risk: do not resist; keep doors locked at all times; avoid driving between 11pm and 5am; stay on main routes; do not sleep in the car; check you are not being followed; avoid being lured into conversations in car parks and avoid displaying any valuables in your car.

Tourists who think they may have been selected as targets are urged to continue driving until they come to a town or village, where they should sit inside their locked vehicles and continuously sound their car horns. The warning follows the experience last week of the Hudnott family from Shepperton, Surrey, who were driving on the A42 south of Lyon when their car was rammed by an ageing BMW.

Believing it to be an accident, Simon Hudnott, 28, got out of the car to be confronted by three men, one of whom pushed a revolver against his chest. Another pointed a gun at his wife, Paula. Mr Hudnott said he was inspecting the car when one of the men grabbed him. "My first reaction was anger, but that turned to fear when my wife shouted he had a gun.

"Another pointed a gun toward Paula and I just told them to take everything. All this happened in front of our little girl, Lucy, who is five. It was early in the morning. Lucy was in her pyjamas and my wife had no shoes on. Our car was driven away and we were left stranded."

Edmund King of the RAC said the new threat to motoring holidaymakers was known as "Miami vice" after the Florida city where it originated. "Thousands of British travellers enjoy holidays in France and the problems should not be exaggerated, although precautions should be taken," he said.

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Gang attacks tourist as he phones mother

THE mother of a British tourist who was pistol-whipped by a gang in Florida, was speaking on the telephone to her son when he was attacked.

Susan Davies, whose son Jason, 23, needed 28 stitches, said the telephone suddenly went dead. Mrs Davies, of Winnersh, near Reading, Berkshire, said she put down the receiver, unaware that Jason was staring down the barrel of a gun. She learnt of the attack only when her son called again after being treated at a hospital. Jason and friends Scott Abrams, 22, of Reading, Berkshire, and Mark Newman, 23, of Winnersh, were attacked as they made the call in the forecourt of their hotel in Orlando.

The trio were forced to hand over cash and valuables when they were confronted by the gang of black men, who then beat them up.

Mrs Davies said: "They told my son to hand over all his money or they would 'blow him out of the world'. Then they cracked him across the head with a gun."

Holiday clubs for children cut crime

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

POLICE are targeting bored schoolchildren by setting up summer holiday activities designed to stop them becoming troublemakers and drifting into crime.

Forces throughout the country have launched schemes that include rock-climbing, Indian cookery and birdwatching in an attempt to prevent children becoming restless during the holiday.

The results from earlier schemes show some success in keeping young people out of trouble, although the police have to be careful not to be seen as focusing on problem families or estates with a reputation for breeding troublemakers.

A scheme on the Southmead estate in Bristol last year showed a 29.5 per cent reduction in the overall rate of recorded crime, a 70 per cent reduction in the number of complaints to police about young people's behaviour and a 60 per cent cut in vandalism to schools and other local authority property.

Supervised Schools and Police Liaison Activities (Splash) help children to learn new skills, provide them with sporting opportunities and aim to keep them occupied and out of trouble.

Nigel Whiskin, chief executive of Crime Concern, said: "We know that Splash schemes are effective in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, and the costs that go with those."

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Buckingham Palace halves number of tickets on sale

By James Landale

THE ticket office at Buckingham Palace sold out yesterday, but only after cutting the number of tickets available. The decision came after only 4,314 tickets were sold on Saturday, much fewer than the 8,000 visitors officials had predicted.

Yesterday only 4,500 tickets were available and they were sold by 2.30pm. Many people, but not thousands, had to be turned away.

A palace spokesman said: "The judgment is that the numbers that we can cope with to ensure that everybody has a comfortable passage through the system is 4,500." The total number of visitors yesterday, including tour groups and disabled people, was 5,202.

The spokesman said that the prediction of 8,000 visitors a day by Royal Collection Enterprises, which is handling the tour, had proved overoptimistic. "That figure was always the figure given for the maximum that could be directed through the system," he said. "It would have been too many people. We are concerned less with the numbers who go through than the enjoyment and comfort of their experience."

The palace spokesman said the first weekend's visiting figures were satisfactory. "Although everybody is saying that people are not coming to the palace, in fact all the targets were reached in terms of income," he said. "The £35,000 that was taken at the shop exceeded all expectations, and that made up for any shortfall in numbers."

Some visitors yesterday appeared none too satisfied with the tour. Motoko Wada, 24, a Japanese air stewardess, said it was poor value for money. She said: "Eight pounds is too much for the amount you see and the time you are allowed in there. They are obviously doing this for the money, because they don't seem to want you there."

Julie Bradford, 27, from Newcastle upon Tyne, said: "You are shuffled through and after a while it became a bit the same. Nothing is explained to you, so you don't know what things are used for or why they are relevant."

Not everyone was unhappy. Dave Smith, 42, a stockbroker from Iowa in America, said: "It was fabulous. I have just been to the Louvre in Paris and this was 100 times better than that."

Britain's population 'should be cut to 30m'

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

BRITAIN'S population should be cut to about 30 million if people are to enjoy the optimum quality of life that would preserve the environment, conserve natural resources and allow wildlife to flourish, according to a study to be presented to scientists today.

Such a population, just over half the present total, would allow the nation to be self-supporting in food, most forest products and energy.

The figure was calculated by David Richardson of Cambridge University, who believes such a figure could be reached by 2085 with little hardship or economic disruption if population trends are allowed to continue.

"At the moment, we have a congested society. The scientific evidence is that at 30 million we get a relief on resources, many more people would be employed and we would have the basis for a healthier society," he said yesterday.

His findings will be presented to the First World Optimum Population Congress today in Cambridge. An international array of speakers will urge governments to produce ideal population targets backed up by public education programmes on the benefits. This would provide a lead to developing nations whose numbers are booming out of control.

Mr Richardson, a former marine biologist and education department researcher, said his figure balanced the availability of modern, better-yielding crops with the development of energy technologies such as wind turbines and tidal barrages. It also takes into account labour-saving electronics such as computers.

A population of 30 million could be reached within 150 years if the fertility rate of 1.8 remains unchanged. This could be maintained by taxation policies to encourage small families.

The world's population stands at around 5.5 billion, with 98 million new lives being added each year. The United Nations has estimated that by 2050 the number could reach 12.5 billion.

Navy in Fastnet rescue

By James Landale

A ROYAL Navy helicopter attempting to rescue a man from a yacht was forced to cut its cable winch after it became tangled in rigging.

Andrew Lockhart-Mirams, 52, who was suffering from suspected appendicitis, was later washed overboard but immediately rescued after he and the navy diver had been left on the yacht. The Sea King helicopter was launched from Portland on Saturday night, after coastguards received a call for help from *Gulliver*, a yacht taking part in the Fastnet race 17 miles off Dorset.

A Royal Navy spokesman said: "The winch cable became entangled with the rigging and the winchman got tangled with the mast. They were forced to abandon the lift and cut the cable." He said the diver and Mr Lockhart-Mirams were dropped down a short distance on to the deck. "Subsequently, the casualty was apparently washed over the side and got a dousing, poor chap."

A spokesman for West Dorset hospital in Dorchester said Mr Lockhart-Mirams was "recovering and progressing".

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JULIAN HERBERT



Free flight: Dean Connor pilots Ford open prison's winning entry

Bognor ruffles rival's feathers

By Ian Murray

A BATTLE of the birdmen was fought out in the summer skies over southern England yesterday as elegant Eastbourne challenged bourgeois Bognor Regis's right to stage the nation's annual man-powered flight competition.

Able to rely on 21 years' experience, Bognor pulled in the experts, with the eventual winner of their event an aeronautical engineer from Freiburg in Germany, Antonino Medonia, whose modified hang glider flew 66.11 metres before hitting the water.

At Eastbourne the longest flight was made by Darrin Powell, a local builder, aboard a ramshackle collection of wood and string which managed only 15 metres.

Although Bognor fought off its rival, the Eastbourne event is causing bad feeling in the town. "We have to do all this with virtually no help at all while Eastbourne is rich and can just throw money at it," Ken Beasley, the Bognor organiser, said. "They have been able to get the Red Arrows and everything you can think of that flies, and now they're trying to muscle in on the one thing that we have. It's just not fair."

At Eastbourne Tony Clark, the chief executive of the town's marketing group, declared: "It's just hard luck on Bognor. They're old hat and we are the new spring chickens. We are definitely going to go on doing this every year in future."

About 50,000 visitors lined the beach at Eastbourne to watch the event, compared with about 30,000 at Bognor.

Bognor is ahead in prize money offered, at £1,000; £300 is available at Eastbourne. "We are thinking of changing that," Mr Clark said.

At Bognor the "Leonardo" class for the most Heath Robinson machine was won by a red biplane made by prisoners at Ford open prison at Arundel, West Sussex. It was flown by an inmate, Dean Connor.

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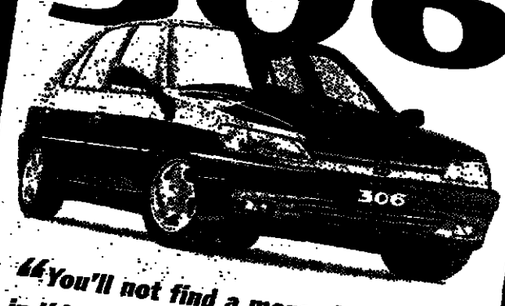
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The first part of an investigation by *The Times* into rape and its devastating effect on women

The number of rapes reported to the police has more than trebled in a decade, making it appear the fastest rising crime in the country. But fewer than one in four complaints result in a conviction.

What has always been a highly emotive issue has attracted more attention recently because of anomalies in sentencing and an increasing willingness by victims to give up their legal right to anonymity to publicise the crime and ensure the issue is put on the political agenda.

Today, *The Times* examines elements of the debate and sorts the facts from the fiction.

When Muriel Harvey, a 67-year-old local magistrate, chose to talk openly about being raped as she returned home from a midnight Mass in Ludlow, Shropshire, last Christmas, it was in the hope that somebody would recognise her attacker. He is still at large.

In May, a woman calling herself Judy told the Scottish Conservative conference how the man who tricked his way into her home and raped her had had his sentenced reduced from life to six years. He would be free before she knew whether or not she had contracted Aids. John Major said he had got the message, but the police and those working in the field claim that the criminal justice system fails the victims. Between 1981 and 1991, the number of rapes rose by an average 14.2 per cent each year. Theft of or from cars, widely perceived as a growing crime, rose by an average of 7.7 per cent a year. The figures do not necessarily record a true increase. More attacks are being reported and changes which have led to more complaints being recorded as a crime contribute. Even then, the number of rapes actually reported may be anything from a half to only one in ten of those that take place.In 1992, there were 4,142 rapes reported, up from 4,045 the previous year. In 1981 there were 1,100. The Home Office gives the clear-up rate for 1992 as being 75 per cent, yet few complaints result in conviction. A Home Office study into cases from 1985 found that in 30 per cent the attacker was a stranger to the victim. In 35 per cent of cases the rapist was an acquaintance (including those known for less than 48 hours), and the remaining 35 per cent concerned an intimate, such as a relative, friend, current or former boy friend or spouse. The majority of alleged offenders were white (75 per cent), 15 per cent were black Caribbean, 1 per cent black African, 1 per cent Indian, 2 per cent Pakistani, 5 per cent unspecified Asian and 1 per cent others.

More than two thirds of the victims were single and one in five under 16 years old. Rapes on those aged 16 to 21 accounted for 28 per cent; aged 21 to 30, 32 per cent. Three per cent of rapes were on women aged over 51.

The number of rapes in Britain in 1991 worked out at 70 per million population, compared with 81 per million in France, where reports have doubled in a decade. In the US, it is 600 per million.

Women Rape

Victims on trial as arrest rate falls

THE POLICE AND THE COURTS

Justice is failing even those women brave enough to go to court. *Lin Jenkins* examines different aspects of the trauma of rape

Rapists will not be convicted in significant numbers until the criminal justice system stops putting the victims on trial, say police and pressure groups.

Improvements in police attitudes towards rape victims have led to an increase in the number of sexual offences reported but the conviction rate remains low. The number of arrests has also fallen — last year it fell 23 per cent in the Metropolitan force area — and one study in north London found only nine out of 109 reported rapes resulted in convictions.

Det Insp Andy Claydon of the Met's crime and divisional policing policy unit believes the judicial system needs to be changed fundamentally if more rapists are to be convicted: "The claim that the victim is on trial is right. There seems to be little interest in changing, but the present system is not in the interests of justice."

He said it was absurd for a defence barrister to be committed to doing everything within his power to get his client off. "If the police took that attitude there would be uproar. Defence barristers should be seeking the truth, like the police are."

He said prosecutions fell at a number of hurdles. First, it was not always possible to get evidence, and a woman did not always wish to proceed with the trial knowing the treatment she might receive.

"In my experience there are some who report it and talk about it and it helps them to have done so. They feel they have done their duty and that is it. They have a fear of going to court," he said.

A case can then fail to pass the Crown Prosecution Service's "51 per cent" test of likely success. Most contested rape cases have an "old-style" committal where all the evidence is rehearsed in the magistrates' court before being sent to the crown court. Here the case can fail, either because magistrates decide there is insufficient evidence to proceed or because defence counsel gives the victim such a bad experience that she refuses to give evidence in crown court.

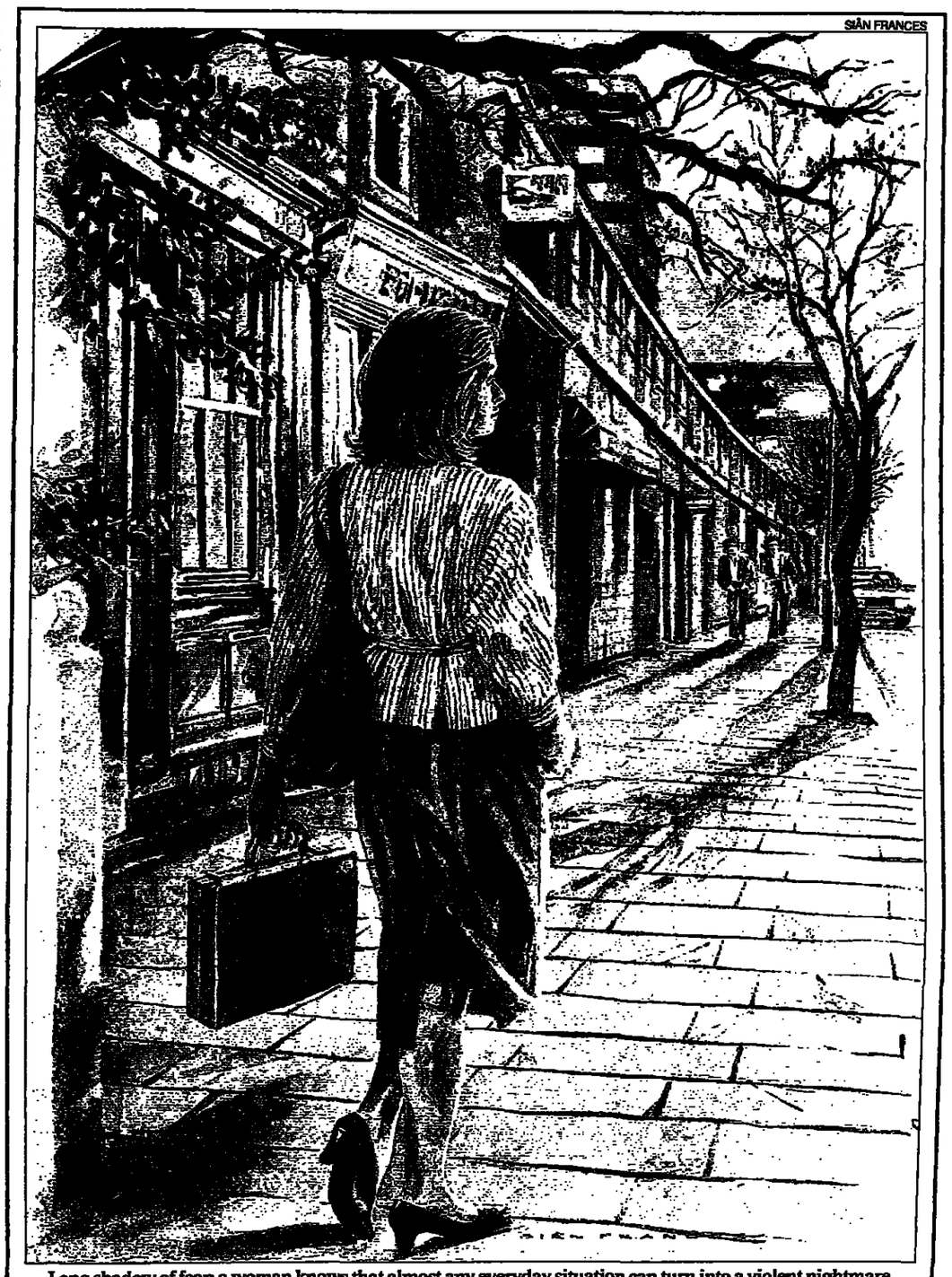
Convincing a jury is the final hurdle. "Personally, I would like to do away with juries, or at least the corroboration rule whereby jurors are warned about the dangers of convicting on the word of one person," Mr Claydon said.

Such a view is widespread. Claire Glasman of Women Against Rape says the obligatory caveat made by judges in their summing up about the possibility that the woman is lying is anathema. Judges usually say something like: "Experience in the courts has shown that women do sometimes make false charges. Sometimes the falseness of the charges and the reasons for making them become apparent and sometimes not. As members of the jury you must be mindful of this when listening to the complainant's testimony." No such warning is given about the defendant.

"There should be none of these warnings," Ms Glasman said. "To have to relive such appalling experiences in front of strangers hardly invites women to start bringing false allegations." Women Against Rape wants women to have their own representative in court, as in child custody cases where each parent and the child has their own representatives. If something is not done soon the situation will get out of hand. There will be no deterrent since the conviction rate is so low."

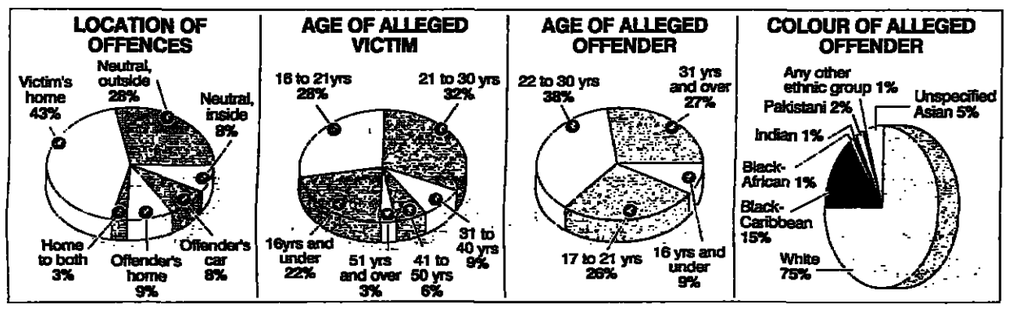
Many in the police believe the same but hold out little hope that the criminal justice system is likely to abandon the adversarial approach of the courts in order to deal with rapists.

SIÂN FRANCES



Long shadow of fear: a woman knows that almost any everyday situation can turn into a violent nightmare

THE FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT RAPE IN BRITAIN



Women told to resist attack

SELF-DEFENCE

POLICE advice is that in most situations when a woman is being attacked by a rapist, she should inflict maximum injury as quickly as possible and escape.

Home Office research has concluded that victims should resist their attackers with all the force they can muster. Studies found that in half the cases where the attacker used violence beyond that required to carry out the rape, the victim had offered little or no resistance.

Women are not recommended to carry weapons such as sprays, knives and stun guns since they are often used by an assailant against a victim, or cannot be reached quickly enough to ward off an attack. However, car keys, rape alarms and umbrellas can prove effective and are not regarded as offensive weapons.

Many police-run courses in women's self-defence are booked up months in advance. Fear does not need to shape a woman's way of life, according to Ben Truman, crime prevention officer at Tooting police station, south London. "Knowing how to cope and having thought about what to do can make all the difference," he says. The courses, with sessions spent in the classroom and in physical training, teach women how to assess each situation. "There are ways to avoid being attacked but if it does happen we urge that you do a technique and then get away to safety," said PC Truman.

These techniques vary from a door key in the eye to a crippling blow, but all are taught in a way that takes account of the woman being lighter than her attacker.

Women are taught to interpret signs and act accordingly. Instructors advise that a show of confidence puts off wimpish types, that drunks can be put off with a few self-defence moves but that those high on drugs may become more dangerous if faced with considerable aggression.

WPC Vicky Gibbs, an instructor, said: "It is essential that women have confidence in themselves. Fear affects your quality of life and we teach people to be prepared, and not live in a prison."

Several self-defence manuals have appeared, countering the view that women should restrict their activities to avoid danger and submit to the inevitable if attacked. They tell women to suspend their usual sensitivities to others' feelings. For example, women are urged to change carriages on a train if a man sits next to them in an empty compartment, and not to worry about causing offence.

SIMON WALKER

Care and curtains soften interviews

RAPE SUITES

DESPITE expensive advice from psychologists as to the best colour scheme to help soothe a rape victim, the apricot towels in the bathroom of the Charing Cross police rape suite clash with the shocking pink curtains.

The floor is not carpeted either, but the simple fact that the suite exists illustrates the change in attitude by the police towards rape victims in the past decade.

London has 11 such suites where victims of abuse, whether they are women, children or men, can be taken to be examined and interviewed away from the stark atmosphere of a police station. Other forces have them and the aim is for all victims to have access to such facilities.

Each centre has a list of doctors on call who have completed a two-day course in how to carry out the thorough medical examination required by courts. When a victim arrives she will be allocated a chaperone, either male or female, who will follow the case until the trial is over.

So many victims have opted not to give evidence, or have been unable to cope with the experience, that the chaperone will take them to see committal proceedings and a trial, to show in advance what will happen and who each person in the courtroom is. The chaperone is often present during the medical examination, carried out in a small clinical room with walls painted the pale yellow prescribed by psychologists.

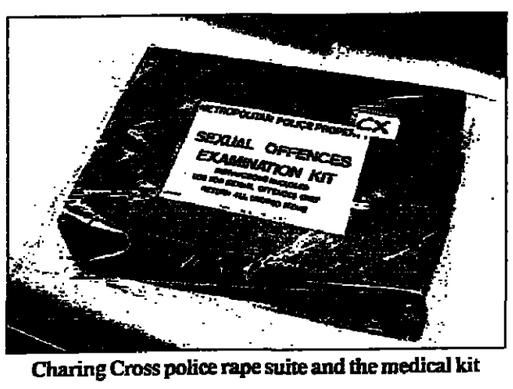
Even when the victim reports the crime some time after the event, the examination takes at least an hour. It is not unusual for it to take more than two.

It is only then that the victim can make use of the bathroom. WPC Sheila Fellows said: "An awful lot of people just want to scrub themselves clean. It is almost obsessive." They can stay as long as they wish and have a selection of toiletries at their disposal.

There is no pressure on time. Research has shown that the best time to take a statement is 24 hours after the crime. Before then shock and distress cloud the memory. "Obviously we take what details we can of the suspect, but the full statement can wait until later and can be done here or at their home if they prefer," Constable Fellows said.

If the interview is at home, the officers arrive in civilian clothes and in an unmarked car. "We don't want the neighbours asking why the police have been calling at number 39," she said. If the victim chooses to be interviewed at the suite, it is carried out in a lounge very different from the surroundings where a suspect might be questioned.

The police pass on details of Victim Support and the criminal compensation scheme, and point out that they are not trained counsellors. Eileen, a 32-year-old mother who was raped just over a year ago, said that the rape suite had come as a surprise. "It was not something I had ever thought about. Even having a medical examination came as a complete shock. Now I can see that it is better to have places like this so that you are treated differently from the criminal."



Charing Cross police rape suite and the medical kit

TOMORROW: HOW SENTENCES VARY

THE VICTIM'S STORY

Imprisoned by anxiety

MARIA broke her foot jumping out of a window to escape the attacker who had imprisoned her in his mother's own home. She was raped and beaten.

The rapist was given 12 years in prison but will probably serve less than eight. She believes she faces a life sentence.

As a gifted musician Maria won a place at music school in London and moved to the UK capital from her homeland elsewhere in Europe. She took a job in a restaurant to supplement her grant. One of the customers sympathised with her plight over affordable accommodation and took her phone number.

"I never expected to hear from him again but a week later he rang to tell me about the flats above his mother's that were being done up with the view to letting."

Though aware of the dangers, Maria thought he was being genuinely helpful. His family came from another, different, European country. She visited the flat and agreed to go downstairs to meet his mother, who would be a neighbour should she decide to take on the lease.

"She didn't speak English and after a while she put on her coat and went out. In retrospect, I thought then that I ought to go but decided to be polite, that I should give it five minutes. I thought it would be stupid to go," she said.

She was stupid not to go. He imprisoned her, blindfolded her, bound her and raped her. They had been discussing meditation when he tried to kiss her and she fought him off. He was sweating and agitated and became very angry.

"We were struggling and he hit me. He became very angry and said he was going to teach me a lesson. He raped me," said Maria. She spoke in a thin voice and had to pause to regain her composure.

"He locked me there for three days and threatened to kill me. I thought I was going to die."

In the following days she was stripped naked, forced to tell him her address and subjected to incessant rantings about being there through her own choosing.

"I lost any hope and thought that I would not get out of there alive. He said he was going to my flat to get my clothes and that since I was new in the country nobody would miss me. He was probably right."

EVENTUALLY she was allowed to have a bath. "The room was tiny and had no window, only a skylight. I was shaking and scared and thought it was now or never. I thought he would kill if he caught me so I called out for him. Only his mother came and she did not speak English. I had a feeling that he had probably gone out and left me locked in."

After a struggle with the mother, Maria jumped out on to the roof. "I could not believe I could see the world." She jumped down on to the roof of another building, breaking her foot as she fell, screaming for help. "I cannot remember what I said, but a neighbour saw me looking distraught and crying and screaming and realised something was wrong. I was just petrified and was going to jump down from another roof but he told me to stay until he had got a ladder."

While she waited for an ambulance and the police, her rescuer took her to a nearby shop. "I was so scared he would come for me. I made them lock the door."

Maria found the police sympathetic. They put her in touch with Victim Support and assigned to her a woman police officer who would she her through the legal process. When she returned to her flat, however, there was no compassion.

"Because I had been forced to give the address everyone else thought we would be burgled. The landlord kicked me out."

With her attacker still on the run, Maria sought help to cope with unfamiliar emotions. "I should have felt lucky to be alive, but I just felt awful depression."

Eight months later, when she had to give evidence at the committal proceedings, she felt she was abused a second time.

"It was just awful. He came up with different stories. He said we were going out together and that I had been blackmailing him. I felt so alone. It was just my word against his and I kept thinking that if he had gone and got my clothes from my flat nobody would have believed me."

At the trial the process was repeated. "I was treated like the criminal. What really upset me is that they have the right to dig up anything about you they like, yet the defendant is protected. They tried to suggest that I was a prostitute, that I had come to London and was in a difficult situation and would have done anything."

She believes that the man, whose previous record of violence could not be put before the jury, remains a threat to women and should be jailed for life. "If it was really up to me I would have killed him," she said.

SINCE the court case she has pieced together her life and married. However, the marriage deteriorated when her depression and feelings of hate became focused on her husband. Facing the world became impossible. Drink and sleeping pills provided a haze through which life seemed less awful. "I could not face the world. I was scared to go out."

Now, with the help of a psychiatrist, counselling and through her music, Maria, who is still with her husband, has found some strength, but the tears still fall as she talks.

"My view of life has changed. I was a strong person and believed in independence and female strength. I came to England to study music and thought I was independent, but now I realise that women are not that free after all.

"My hair often falls out and I am prone to anxiety. I find I can't sleep and get weepy. It is enormously difficult to ignore the pain, anger and self-pity. It is always within you, it cannot be cast off but you just have to try to ignore it. What makes me angry is that my whole notion of what life is about has been violated, not just my body. It is so difficult to come to terms with."

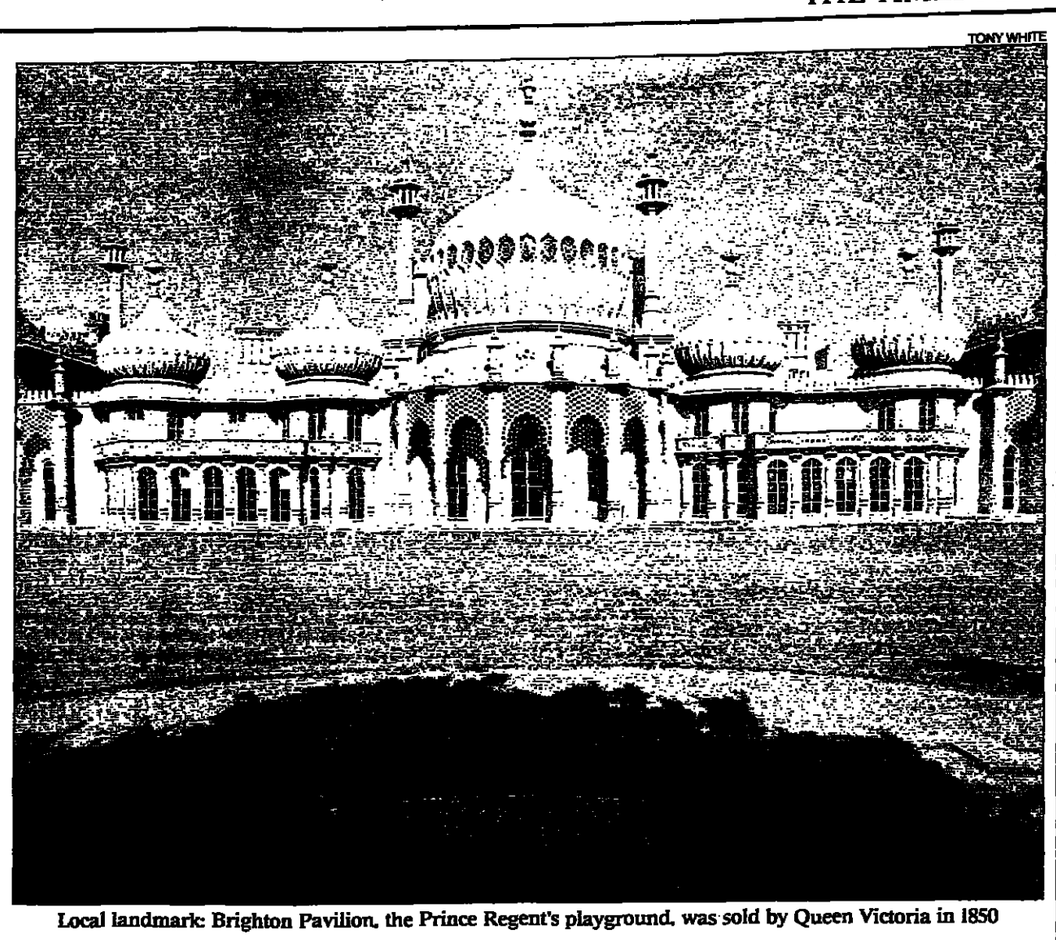


BRIGHTON

As more Britons holiday at home, The Times takes a wry look over the next few weeks at the appeal of their favourite resorts

Famous for?
Party conferences, dirty weekends, the Royal Pavilion, Pinky in Graham Greene's *Brighton Rock* and gay life.
Appearance?
Sedate, with flashes of raffish exuberance, like a civil servant dressed in a pin-striped suit and leopard-skin bowler. Keith Waterhouse called it a town "that looks like it has been out on the tiles all night".
What do other people think of Brighton?
Graham Greene claimed that no place, "not London, Paris or Oxford, had such a hold on my affections". Laurence Oliver, who lived there, said: "Thank God for Brighton."
So everyone loves the place?
Well, not everyone. Matthew Arnold said: "Brighton makes me bilious".
Any other well-known residents?
Max Miller, Flora Robson, Anna Neagle, Terence Rattigan and the Prince Regent, later George IV.
Most famous non-resident?
Queen Victoria, who sold the prince's minaretted, mock oriental palace back to Brighton in 1850.
Highlights?
Its bohemian spirit.
Lowlights?
Some of the antiques shops in The Lanes, which can be pricier than Bond Street.
What you are likely to say in The Lanes.
Aunt Hilda's got a Georgian silver cream jug like that.
What you are even more likely to say in The Lanes.
That *is* Aunt Hilda's Georgian silver cream jug.
Most inventive wheeze to make up for the loss of dirty weekender visitors?
Offering Japanese tourists mock white weddings in the Romanesque Chapel Royal.
So the Japanese got an Anglican blessing?
Not quite. They got a certificate signed by Brighton Council's tourism director wishing them "life together as beautiful as the time you will spend together in Brighton".
Anything else?
Brighton rates itself as Britain's humour capital.
Why's that?
Well, it holds an annual comedy festival.
But didn't the University of Sussex install Ken Dodd as a visiting fellow of comedy?
Er, yes. Sorry, I forgot about that.

TONY WHITE



Local landmark: Brighton Pavilion, the Prince Regent's playground, was sold by Queen Victoria in 1850

Rolls-Royce thinks small to defend market share

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE next Rolls-Royce model could be a small saloon instead of an opulent limousine as the company draws up plans to face the next century.

Executives are considering making a saloon that could challenge Jaguar and Mercedes for sales as the market for high-priced, luxury cars retreats under pressure from recession.

It would have a smaller engine than the usual 6.7-litre saloons and cost as little as half the current £100,000 range. However, the new car is most likely to be marketed under the Bentley badge, which already accounts for 60 per cent of sales of cars from the company's factory at Crewe, Cheshire.

Executives said last night that no definite plans had been drawn up but they were looking at ways of providing for customers who wanted a luxury car but who could not afford the £100,000 for a Rolls-Royce.

The current 6.7-litre saloon meets all exhaust emission requirements but could still be seen as offensive by environmental groups.

Peter Ward, chief executive, believes Rolls-Royce is flexible enough to adapt to a new type of car with a smaller engine and body shell if needed.

He said: "We make cars already which meet all environmental emission requirements until the end of the century.

"But we realise that things can change very quickly and we need to work in concert with those changes. That means nothing is ruled out and we could move to an era when a Rolls-Royce takes on a different shape. That is likely to be a business car and we believe Bentley holds that distinction. There will always be a need for Rolls-Royce."

With sales rising and production increased 25 per cent this year, as disclosed recently by *The Times*, hopes are high that the current range will attract more customers.

Rolls-Royce announces today that a £30 million investment has resulted in a 20 per cent power increase in engines for Rolls-Royce and Bentleys as well as ride and handling improvements.

Mike Donovan, Rolls-Royce's commercial managing director, said of the power improvement: "It is 20 per cent more than was already acceptable for the Rolls-Royce.

"The new high-powered and refined engine, improved ride, front passenger airbags and a number of other significant improvements have moved the Rolls-Royce to a new level of excellence."

Top speed improves from 126mph to 134mph on the Silver Spirit III, while the Bentley Turbo R improves from a top speed of 140mph to 147mph and a 0-60mph acceleration time of 6.9 seconds decreases to 6.3 seconds, as quick as some Ferraris and Porsches.

☐ The government is expected tomorrow to announce proposals aimed at curbing young drivers who drive recklessly or at excessive speed.

Robert Key, the roads minister, is acting because of increasing concern that although only one in six drivers is aged between 17 and 25 years, they are involved in more than a quarter of road accidents.

Mr Key and his advisers are understood to have drawn up a list of about 20 measures aimed at cutting accidents, including making young motorists display a P-plate (for provisional driver) for some time after they have passed their driving test.

Britons labelled moaners

BY NICHOLAS WATT

SPANIARDS are chaste, Britons moan and Germans are idealistic. These are the findings of a new survey of Europe's youth which found that, for all the talk of European integration, today's students have distinct national characteristics which underline the vast cultural differences within the EC.

More than 4,000 students aged between 20 and 25 across the EC were questioned for the Generation '93 survey by IPSOS, a French market research company. The students answered questions on topics ranging from politics to rock music, and from sex to the single market.

Students in Spain, Portugal and Ireland, the most strongly Roman Catholic countries in the EC, had the most conservative attitudes to sex and contraception. In Spain, 42 per cent of those questioned claimed never to have had sex, compared with an EC average of 17 per cent.

In Britain, 37 per cent said they had tried drugs and 28 per cent that they took drugs regularly. Britain was labelled in the survey "non-committal and reluctantly European". Nearly two thirds (64 per cent) thought that they would be unemployed at some stage, and 30 per cent said they were not interested in working.

Seventeen per cent of British students saw themselves as citizens of Britain and Europe, compared with 47 per cent in Germany and an average for the EC of 37 per cent.

Poll shows concern for historic sites

BY BILL FROST

BRITONS are becoming increasingly conscious of the need to protect the countryside, historic buildings and public parks, according to a poll presented to John Major, the prime minister, on behalf of English Heritage.

The importance of preserving monuments and moorland outstripped concern over television and road standards among those questioned on their attitude towards national heritage priorities. They said that the government and local authorities should provide "far more money" to protect historically interesting buildings.

The Gallup poll, conducted for English Heritage, disclosed that 37 per cent of a representative sample of 1,010 adults had visited one of its sites within the past three months — double the number from four years ago. Stonehenge was the most popular attraction, with almost 170,000 visitors between April and June.

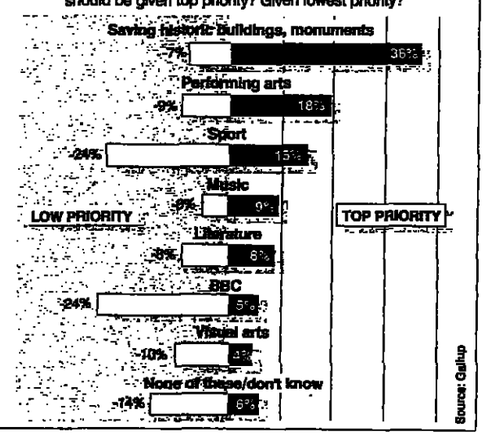
Thirty-six per cent said that saving Britain's historic buildings, monuments and gardens was the "overwhelming national heritage priority". They associated such sites with a sense of national continuity and an enhanced quality of life.

The poll also indicated that 37 per cent of tourists had come to Britain to see historic sites.

Performing arts were the nation's second heritage priority. Sport came third, with television and the visual arts last.

Freedom of speech was regarded by 50 per cent as the best aspect of our quality of life in Britain. The countryside came second, with 40 per cent, ahead of home ownership. The worst aspects of life in Britain were pollution, traffic congestion and the disappearance of community spirit.

PRIORITY AREAS FOR OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE
"Which, if any of these areas of our National Heritage do you think should be given top priority? Given lowest priority?"



NEWS IN BRIEF

Tourist loses foot in crash

A tourist was last night undergoing surgery to have her left foot sewn back on after a collision with a police motorcycle responding to an emergency call in Kensington, west London.

The woman, believed to be aged 24 and holidaying with a male companion, was taken by helicopter to Mount Vernon Hospital, north London. A police spokesman said the woman's foot had been recovered by a passerby and packed in ice from the nearby Kensington Palace Hotel.

The police rider was taken to the Chelsea and Westminster Hospital suffering from head and leg injuries.

Four grounded

A group of three 21-year-old women and a man aged 19 from Widnes, Cheshire, missed their flight to Spain yesterday because they went on a shoplifting spree at Manchester airport and were arrested. They were cautioned and released without charge.

Protest shelved

Sainsbury's in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, threatened with an injunction by Kirklees council, opened for Sunday trading yesterday with half its good covered up to "highlight the ridiculous anomalies in the Sunday trading laws".

Hose injury

Terry Reynolds, 46, a cleaner from North Baddesley, Hampshire, is recovering in Southampton General Hospital after a high-pressure water jet he was using cut open his protective clothing and injured his stomach.

Knifing charge

Ashfarque Ahmed, 22, was due to appear at Sutton Magistrates' Court today charged with murder, following the stabbing on Friday of Zaheer Ahmed Khan, 24, a shopkeeper from Croydon, south London.

Wife sighting

Police investigating the disappearance of Helen Torbet, 61, the surgeon's wife who left her home in Busby, near Glasgow, on July 5 for a walking holiday, are checking a possible sighting of her on the Isle of Skye.

Murder case

A murder enquiry has begun following the death from head injuries of a 41-year-old man after an argument outside The Old Fleece Hotel in Stanningley, West Yorkshire, early yesterday.

Cruise action

Kais Al-Kaisy, 45, a businessman from Swindon, Wiltshire, has begun legal action against President Bill Clinton after the death of his brother and nephew in a cruise missile raid on Baghdad.

Bond winners

Premium Bond prizes: £100,000, number 23TL 324475, winner from Essex (value of holding £500); £50,000, 1MN 011340, Kent (£500); £25,000, 15KK 588089, Lincolnshire (£19,744).

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British championship, Dundee

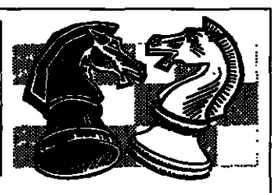
THE British Championship, held in the sports hall of Dundee University, reaches a climax this week. For further information, ring the championship office on 0382 204287.

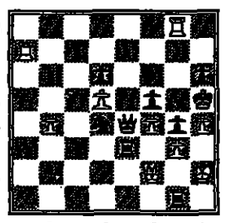
Here is an early win by the current champion which won the prize for the best game of the round, offered by the chess benefactor Raymond Mays. White sets up an attacking formation from the opening but it is Black who quickly gains the initiative and breaks through on the queen's wing and in the centre.

White: A Harley
Black: J Hodgson
British Ch, Dundee 1993

Pirc Defence

1	e4	d6
2	d4	Nf6
3	Nc3	g6
4	f4	Bg7
5	Nf3	0-0
6	Bd3	Na6
7	0-0	c5
8	d5	Bg4
9	Bc4	Nc7
10	a4	a6
11	h3	Bxf3
12	Qxf3	Nd7
13	a5	b5
14	axb6	Nxb6
15	Qd3	Rb8
16	Nd1	e6
17	c3	Nxc4
18	Qxc4	exd5
19	exd5	f5
20	Ra2	Re8
21	Nf2	Qd7
22	Rd1	Qf7
23	b4	Nb5
24	Bb2	cxb4
25	cxb4	Rbc8
26	Qd3	Bxb2
27	Rxb2	Rc3
28	Qd2	Qc7
29	Kh2	Qc4
30	h4	Ree3
31	Nh3	Qe4
32	Qf2	h6
33	Ra1	Nd4
34	Ng1	g5
35	Rxa6	g4
36	g3	Rc1
37	Rba2	Rxg1
38	Ra8+	Kg7
39	R2a7	Kg6
40	Rg8+	Kh5





White resigns

Junior award

I will be offering a book prize for the best game played by any junior player (under 18) in any section of the British championships submitted to me at *The Times* no later than August 21. The winning game will be published in this column. All players 18 years old or under competing in any section of the British championship at Dundee should send their entries to me c/o Championship Chess, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. Entries should include the moves of the game in algebraic notation plus an explanation in no more than 50 words as to why the chosen game should win.

Brain-teaser

"I approve strongly of rational games, for they serve to perfect the art of thinking"

Gottfried von Leibnitz, 18th century German philosopher

If you want to join a chess club

I have been receiving messages from all over the country that attendance at and membership of chess clubs is snowballing as a result of the interest generated by the Kasparov-Short championship. If you want information on how to join a local chess club or how to form one, contact either the British Chess Federation on 0424 442500 or The Times Chess Office 071 388 8223.

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Holidays cost £17bn

BY ROBIN YOUNG

BRITONS will spend more than £17 billion on holidays this year, though the number of holidays taken has dropped by 10 per cent since 1988.

Britons took 90.4 million holidays five years ago, but the number will have declined to 81.2 million in 1993, according to a survey by Mintel, the market researchers, published today. A third of British adults did not take a holiday last year, but nearly 10 per cent had three or more, including short breaks.

This year nearly half the adult population had changed their holiday plans due to recession, by taking fewer, shorter or cheaper holidays or by staying in Britain rather than travelling abroad. About 12 per cent cancelled their holiday plans.

The average cost of a holiday of more than five nights abroad is calculated at £542 per person, compared with an average of only £133 for a holiday in Britain.

☐ *Holidays 1993*, Mintel special report (from 071-606 6000, £795).

Call in professionals to end Yugoslav natural disaster

*The celebrated Belgrade-born film director **Dusan Makavejev** rejects as irrational the division of Bosnia on ethnic lines*

As a film-maker I am a citizen of the world but, unfortunately, I am a citizen of the leftovers of Yugoslavia too. I share with my compatriots the strange feeling of living in Year Zero. Year Zero in the former Yugoslavia is into its third year and there is still no end in sight.

It seems the expanding spiral of violence and revenge will never end. An irrational storm is raging. One of the rare films in the history of the cinema which mentioned Serbs is a 1940s Hollywood horror classic called *Cat People*. It explained Serbs as a people from an obscure region who were haunted by evil; when hurt they turned into ferocious cats, like panthers, and killed those whom they thought to be the source of hurt or rejection.

Creators of nationalist myths, both Serbs and Croats, came from the same mountainous region that was probably the source of this Hollywood story. Before the armed conflict, these people were whipping up nationalist fever and indoctrination until conflict became inevitable and both nations were trapped in a bloody embrace.

We are in the fourteenth month of the destruction of Bosnia, the killing of men, women, children, old people and animals. Whatever UN observers observed a year ago, they are still observing. For how long? How long will it take to make an ethnically "clean" state for every single person who miraculously stays alive? A state for each family, a state for the father in case he is a Croat, a state for the mother in case she is a Muslim, a state for the daughter in case she is a Yugoslav, a state for the son in case he is a Serb, a specific flag for the dog, a currency for the cat.



The impossible, brainless game of drawing borders is still going on. Now they want to create three Bosnias: Muslim, Catholic and Orthodox. If any of these plans are to get close to reality, the borders will need to move through people's bedrooms. One nation will be left with water, another with electricity, a third with a factory.

This is the way I remember Bosnia: they have a habit there of drinking black coffee from *fildzan*, little cups without a handle. You put in a sugar cube and pour the boiling coffee from a *dzezva* over it. You do not stir. Because it is very hot and bitter, you drink it first with a tiny slurp. As the sugar dissolves, the coffee becomes cooler and sweeter.

There is another custom, connected with drinking brandy at the end of the summer day. It is called *aksamluk*. You cool a bottle of *rakiya*, grape brandy, in the well. You start drinking at sunset. A cold brandy at the end of a hot day. As the night falls, the brandy warms up, and you finish the bottle under the bright stars with a fuzzy brain.

From hot and bitter to the warm and sweet, and from the heat and cool into outside coolness and inner warmth. Is it a street theatre, or music, or a prayer? It is, or it *was*, life as art, practised by seemingly primitive, uneducated people. This, for me, was the beautiful mystery of Bosnia, known to all of us also as *dark vilayet*, a sombre region.

Now we watch serious-looking foreign negotiators collecting meaningless autographs like teenage groupies on heat. Chamberlain with umbrella, waving the piece of paper, was for years *the* image of the idiotic politician of yesterday's Europe. The same image is repeated again and again, together with funny maps and signatures not honoured 15 times in a row.



Tito: would have stopped the killing

An old partisan from Herzegovina, the late Vladimir Dedijer, who was not an innocent, told me how, when one has to sign an agreement that one is not intending to honour, the signatory, while signing with his right hand, has to keep his left hand in the pocket, holding his testicles. This gesture makes the signature invalid. This is what international negotiators, who are ignorant of the culture they deal with, miss. The international negotiators are either incompetent in dealing with con-artists — or they have a hidden agenda.

In all the desperation and hell we are living through, some voices are heard saying that a revival of Tito's role could be useful. I do not think so. But at least he would first stop the killing as the precondition of humanitarian aid.

Tito's liberal reign was protected by a strata of privileged third-rate characters, apparatchiks, officers, policemen and police informers. After the collapse of the kindergarten called communism, most of these, dressed up as new nationalists, reorganised themselves and started an all-out war, everybody against everybody. A Western analyst once called Slobodan Milosevic [the Serbian president] "a master of deregulation". He is an expert in a favourite Serbian pastime, flirting with death.

We speak the same language, often have the same names and generally in our mentality are indistinguishable. If we have to separate from each other it can provoke irrational responses.

For many, destruction has become an addiction. Cities are neither taken nor left alone. They are destroyed, as if that were the only goal.

Life without neighbours exists only in the high mountains. And this is where most of the "decision-makers" come from. A parochial and patriarchal rural culture, ethnically "pure", fearful of urban energy, took up arms against the cities as mythical places of affluence and sin.

With the promise of Greater Serbia, Serbs were cheated out of the only state in which all the Serbs ever lived together from 1918 — Yugoslavia. Prodded and cheated by their megalomaniac leaders, Serbs find themselves in a clinical state of lost identity, tarnished national image and badly shaken self-respect.

In former Yugoslavia, madness is used as a political tool. The famous Croatian soldier nicknamed "Rambo" had a special knife, quite a large one, designed to cut Serbian throats. Young Serbian volunteers, as if answering the threat of a special knife prepared for them, drew on their necks a dotted line: *cut here*.

The irrational storm that is raging should be handled by professionals who deal with natural disasters. Catastrophe feeds on disorder, reinforced and perpetuated by the misguided and inappropriate actions of the international community. All of Croatia, Bosnia and Serbia should be declared an emergency zone.

☐ *This is an edited extract from last night's* Opinions *programme, produced for Channel 4 by Open Media*

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Bulk of Serb armour stays put on key Sarajevo peaks

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ Nato ambassadors meet today to finalise their plans for air strikes against the Serbs. The United States has agreed to let the UN commanders on the ground have the final say

DESPITE the imminent threat of Nato air strikes there is no indication that the Bosnian Serb army is withdrawing from two recently captured peaks to the south of Sarajevo, as they have claimed, a UN spokesman said yesterday.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, promised that two new routes to Sarajevo would be opened — to Konjic and Zenica — today to allow humanitarian aid through. But, in Geneva, President Izetbegovic of Bosnia said the Serb failure to withdraw from the heights above Sarajevo put the peace talks in jeopardy. He appealed to the world to increase pressure on the Serbs.

Late yesterday Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb general, said that he had reached an agreement with United Nations forces in Bosnia that would lead to a phased withdrawal. He told reporters that he had agreed to a three-point scheme at talks with the UN commander, Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont, at Sarajevo's UN-controlled airport.

Apparently in response to Western threats of air strikes against their positions if they do not end their stranglehold on Sarajevo, the Serbs offered to turn over Mounts Igman and Bjelasnica to UN peacekeepers last Thursday. The two peaks dominate the south-western approaches to the city.



Karadzic: pledged to open new routes

The withdrawal, billed as a concession by the Serbs, is unlikely to loosen the noose closing around Sarajevo. If the agreement is implemented the UN will patrol the area, denying Sarajevo's defenders their last arms supply route and keeping the Bosnian army off the high ground — the main objectives in seizing the peaks. A UN presence in the area would free Serb troops for assaults on other front lines around the city.

Nato ambassadors meet in Brussels today to refine and complete plans for air strikes against Bosnian Serb targets. More than 60 Western jets are poised for action at Italian bases and on aircraft carriers in the Adriatic.

But there is disagreement among Nato allies over the wisdom of such strikes, with European officials concerned that the Serbs would retaliate by attacking UN peacekeeping troops. Although the demand for military action is coming from Washington, the Clinton administration is reported to have bowed to European pressure and agreed to leave the final say over air strikes to the UN command on the ground.



An agreement was drafted last week by Lieutenant General Jean Cot, the commander of UN forces in the Balkans, and Admiral Jeremy Boorda, chief of Nato's southern forces, according to which Nato and the UN command would jointly have to approve any specific targets for air strikes, thus giving the UN an effective "target veto". White House acceptance of the veto stands in contrast to the administration's original position, which would have given Nato a free hand in launching air strikes. But that position was unlikely to have found support from Britain and other Nato countries, which are worried about increased military involvement in the area.

The deal amounts to an effort to allay such fears, and is also a response to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, who in a letter to Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, insisted last week that he be consulted on any increased Nato role in the conflict.

Bosnia's ambassador at the United Nations, Mohammed Sacirbey, condemned the agreement. He likened Western inaction to a "trigger finger" which is suffering from "arthritic inaction". US officials maintain that the deal may also serve to increase pressure on President Izetbegovic to return to the negotiating table.

The pursuit of the minimalist position is also in tune with public opinion in the United States, which remains solidly opposed to unilateralism in Bosnia. Sam Nunn, the chairman of the Senate armed services committee, summed up the general mood when he said over the weekend: "We are in this together for better or worse. I don't think unilateral action by the US would be productive."

Since the Serb announcement regarding a withdrawal from the Sarajevo mountains, there have been a number of contradictory statements by different Serb leaders about if, how and when a pullout would take place. On Saturday evening, television pictures from the area showed two Serb tanks and several trucks leaving the area. Apparently prematurely, some said the withdrawal had begun.

But the vehicles observed on Saturday were only a tiny fraction of the military equipment the Serbs moved into the area during last week's battle. "We hope there is more than just clever stage management," said Barry Frewer, a UN spokesman, adding that there is no evidence to support suggestions that a Serb withdrawal has begun.

The Serbs want the United Nations to occupy positions on the mountains in strength to keep Muslims out, rather than just sending an observer force. But Brigadier Vere Hayes, UN chief of staff in Bosnia, said the UN did not have the resources. "It would require a very large number of troops."

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Double act: Hanan Ashrawi and Faisal Husseini,who are at odds with the PLO

Palestinian envoys clash with Arafat

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

THE Middle East peace talks came under renewed threat yesterday after key members of the Palestinian delegation travelled to Tunis intent on resigning after a dispute with the Palestine Liberation Organisation leadership.

In the latest setback to the deadlocked 22-month peace process, three of the top participants — Faisal Husseini, Hanan Ashrawi and Saeb Erekat — arrived at the organisation's headquarters in the Tunisian capital to hand in their resignation to Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

"All I know is that they are tendering their resignation and they went to discuss it in Tunis," said Haidar Abdul Shafi, the head of the negotiating team. "There are different views between the delegation and the Palestinian leadership."

If the resignations go ahead they could resurrect the perennial problem of who should represent the Palestinians and could put pressure on the Israeli government to deal directly with the exiled PLO. Yossi Beilin, the Israeli deputy prime minister, said yesterday that if there were no leaders with whom to negotiate from the occupied territories then Israel might have to "break some taboos" and deal with its historical enemy, Mr Arafat.

Mr Husseini, the most prominent Palestinian figure in the occupied territories, Mrs Ashrawi, the eloquent Palestinian spokeswoman, and Mr Erekat, a popular figure among young Palestinian activists, are seen as the backbone of the delegation. Mr Abdul Shafi, the most respected leader in the Gaza Strip, is already boycotting the talks and a fourth key participant, Ghassan Khatib, a university professor, suspended his involvement earlier this year.



Under the terms of the current peace initiative, the delegation must be drawn only from the occupied West Bank, Gaza Strip or Arab East Jerusalem, and is supposed to negotiate self-rule for the nearly two million Palestinians living in the territories. In practice, the delegates receive their instructions from the exiled PLO, which is banned from the talks.

The current crisis was provoked by a dispute between the delegation and Mr Arafat, who is under pressure in the Arab world to instruct the negotiators to show more flexibility at the talks. According to Palestinian sources, Mr Arafat has twice this summer offered concessions on behalf of the delegation without consulting them.

He instructed the negotiating team last week to accept the central points of an American "declaration of principles", even though the document failed adequately to address the key questions of sovereignty over Arab East Jerusalem and the territorial jurisdiction of a future Palestinian homeland. As a result the delegation refused to accept PLO instructions when they met Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, last week.

Left-wing members of Israel's coalition government said yesterday that the best way out of the current impasse was for Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, to drop his opposition to negotiating directly with the PLO.

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Time for all good men to come to the aid of Europe



Balladur: defending the path to single currency

*The EMS is down but not out. **Michel Sapin** argues that France must come to its rescue and quickly restore good relations with Germany*



THE monetary agreement of August 2 is a setback to the construction of Europe and opens a period of risk and uncertainty for the economies of the continent. But the worst has been avoided: the European Monetary System is out cold but not dead. The French franc has not been officially devalued and there is still a hope that France will avoid falling back into the spiral of easy solutions, the succession of devaluations and austerity plans which did so much damage in the past.

Let us take a cold look at things. The Twelve have given in to the law of the markets; they have handed big profits to those who speculated against European construction. Morally, this is hard to accept: it is politically disastrous. Could it have been avoided?

Over the past year I confronted two major crises. We managed to overcome them. During these two crises, the Franco-German team worked in exemplary fashion. We had to take on the negative political fallout of the measures to defend the currency, but our overriding aim was the essential one of protecting the long-term interests of the country.

Why, after two victories, did France lose the battle of August 2? There are various reasons. The markets, in a state of nerves, were upset by contradictory decisions from the Bundesbank, though it was clear German interest rates would carry on falling. But France also bears responsibility. It is not right to make a whole economic policy hinge on lower interest rates alone.

The government has wielded the budgetary weapon in a contradictory way. Its first stated aim was to lower the deficit with an increase in taxes. Then followed an increase in public spending and a rise in the national debt, coupled with the promise of an income-tax cut.

In this period of sluggish demand, it is questionable whether it made the right choice when it dampened household consumption with a higher special levy on income and taxes on common consumer goods.

Another factor was the ambiguous attitude of certain leading figures in the governing majority and the contradictions among the star performers of the right. Jacques Chirac (the Gaullist party leader) has never really convinced anyone that he is attached to Europe; Philippe Séguin (the Speaker of parliament and anti-Maastricht campaigner) is openly against it, and some ministers are unhappy about having to keep their Euro-scepticism quiet.

The result is that the EMS has been sent on temporary leave and its relics religiously stored in the cupboards of the Community. Will a new political will come along to breathe life into a body allowed to go under through lack of political will? Is this just a slowdown in the building of Europe or will the forces of disintegration win the day?

With currencies allowed to fluctuate 30 per cent, monetary stability is just one option among others. If this system had existed last September, the pound could have stayed inside despite its heavy depreciation. Everything now depends on the way European currencies are managed.

I do not favour adoption of the "English strategy", which I fear will only too quickly create imbalances and force a return to belt-tightening, austerity and recession. But France can still overcome the obstacle now facing it. It must re-proclaim and prove its attachment to monetary stability. It must restore a sense of security to businesses so that they invest and create jobs. Relations of trust with Germany must be restored, putting aside the lack of understanding of recent months.

France must also relaunch a European momentum by taking an active part in the re-establishment of the European Monetary System and creation of a single currency. Edouard Balladur (the French prime minister) seems to have made this choice. His main opponents will come from his own ruling majority. On the monetary front at least, he will find supporters among the opposition.

Keeping the franc stable is in the interest of France. A stable currency is the condition of lasting growth. It is also a condition that will enable the Europe of tomorrow to compete on equal terms with the yen and the dollar.

Today the dikes have collapsed, but nothing is forcing the river out of its bed. Faced with private interests, speculation and all those who are troubled by the construction of a strong Europe, the Twelve can opt for a muscular approach which does not delay the march towards the indispensable goal of economic and monetary union. They can also accept retreat and return to the situation of 1985, 1958 or even worse.

My own position is clear. Europe must be supported, even if it is built by a majority to which I do not belong. I will vigorously oppose any other course.

Michel Sapin was France's minister for economy and finance from 1992 to 1993

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Kingmaking in Belgium starts Italy dreaming

■ As Belgians wait to find out how a new king will manage with trimmed powers, royalty's glamour has set Italians thinking of the House of Savoy's return

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

PRINCE Albert of Liège today takes the oath of succession to become Belgium's sixth king, Albert II, before members of parliament who recently shrunk his powers almost to the point of invisibility.

He inherits a throne which remains one of the few genuinely national institutions in a country of ten million people which is slowly splitting itself into autonomous Dutch and French-speaking regions. The royal family's high public standing vastly exceeds the sovereign's formal powers to knit together cross-communal coalitions to run the national government. Belgians are anxious to find out if their new king can cope with a brand-new federal constitution.

Albert's elder brother, Baudouin, who died suddenly just over a week ago and whose funeral brought the country to a standstill at the weekend, reigned for 43 years and had become a deft political operator. Albert, 59, seems as surprised as any of his subjects that he is about to find himself on the throne. He is genial but unintellectual and has never shown any ambition to succeed the rigorous, sober Baudouin. But Baudouin was childless and the Belgian government, forced to make the decision on the day that the European Community's exchange-rate mechanism collapsed, quickly determined that Albert's eldest son was not ready to succeed.

Although the deferential Belgian media have been laying heavy stress on Albert's work on behalf of the country's exports and the Red Cross, the new king seems to have spent quite a few enjoyable years as a Hooray Henry. His mother died when he was a year old and with his brother and sister he spent the war years of the German occupation shuttling across Belgium and the rest of Europe. In the more relaxed 1950s he developed a taste for fast boats, cars and motorbikes.

In 1959 he married a dazzlingly beautiful Italian princess, Paola Ruffo di Calabria, who had a hard time adapting to the old-fashioned formalities of the Belgian royal household. Although she has matured into one of the country's more glamorous grandmothers, she has never learnt Dutch, the first language of more than half her future subjects.



New era: Prince Albert, who will be sworn in as king today, and Princess Paola, right, with Queen Fabiola at the funeral of King Baudouin

The Italian connection was highlighted yesterday when Italy toyed with the idea of restoring the monarchy after President Scalfaro shook hands with Prince Vittorio Emanuele during the Baudouin funeral on Saturday. The handshaking between the Italian head of state and the prince of the House of Savoy marked the first time an Italian president has shaken hands with the would-be monarch in the history of the postwar republic. In the past the Italian monarchy was considered discredited because of its links with Mussolini, the Fascist dictator.

President Scalfaro evidently was deeply moved by the encounter. "In a room of the (Belgian) royal palace I saw the Savoys. They were standing together with the obvious intention of greeting me. I stopped. I greeted each of them. They had very good and interesting words on Italy. It seemed a very positive thing to me, an act (of respect) towards the republic." News of the handshaking was the main front-page story in all serious Italian newspapers yesterday. Political experts said that the historic meeting was a reassuring symbol to millions of Italians who have been worried that the country engulfed by a corruption scandal, terrorist bombings and Mafia crime is on the brink of collapse. Commentators said that, in spite of the nostalgia evoked by the meeting, a restoration of the monarchy is, for the moment, unlikely in Italy. It would require, without doubt, a national referendum and a change in the constitution of the republic.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pride of Swedish air force crashes

Stockholm: A Swedish military plane crashed and burst into flames during an air display in central Stockholm yesterday, but catastrophe was avoided.

The single-engined Jas 39 Gripen, pride of the Swedish air force, was going through its paces watched by up to 500,000 people around Riddarfjarden lake. The plane appeared to go out of control at a height of about 300 feet after a high loop.

Witnesses saw an explosion as the pilot ejected before the aircraft plunged into a wooded area near the densely populated suburb of Sodermalm. One person suffered facial injuries and slight burns to his arm. *(Reuter)*

Hamadi hailed

Beirut: Abbas Hamadi, who was deported by Germany on Friday after serving half of his 13-year prison term for kidnapping two German businessmen, attended a rally for the pro-Iranian Hezbollah group in Beirut and was greeted with cheers. *(Reuter)*

Virgin defiant

Paris: Virgin Stores, engaged in a war of nerves over Sunday trading, defied the French authorities yesterday by opening its flagship Champs Elysées records and books store and inviting hundreds of customers to sign a petition in its favour. *(Reuter)*

Skinheads held

Munich: Police hunting the attackers of an Angolan asylum-seeker said that they had arrested two skinheads and seized neo-Nazi propaganda, including acid sprays, music and emblems, in a raid in Bavaria. The stabbed Angolan was not seriously hurt. *(Reuter)*

Iran build-up

Tehran: Iran has taken delivery of its second Russian-made submarine, Admiral Ali Shamkhani said. Iran, the only Gulf state operating submarines, ordered three kilo-class vessels from Moscow. The first of them arrived in November. *(Reuter)*

Count mourned

Warsaw: Thousands paid respect to Count Edward Raczynski, the Polish diplomat and president of the former government-in-exile, who died in London aged 101, as his body lay in state in a library founded by his ancestors. President Walesa is expected to attend his funeral in Poznan today. *(AP)*

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Fires ravage acres of forest in holiday areas

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

FIERCE fires raged throughout southern Europe yesterday, destroying vast areas of forests along coastlines and in central Italy, Sardinia and in Corsica. Two people have died from the Italian fires so far.

The Italian government deployed 500 soldiers to fight the fires as an elderly Italian tourist was found dead in Sardinia, killed by the flames. A geologist was killed on Friday. Three tourists from Rome were badly burnt while on holiday on the island as they tried to flee by car from Gallura, near the fashionable Costa Smeralda.

The biggest blaze took place in northern Sardinia between Olbia and Golfo Aranci. The blaze started on Saturday afternoon and by the evening many tourists had to be rescued from the beaches by motor launches. An Italian naval frigate also helped.

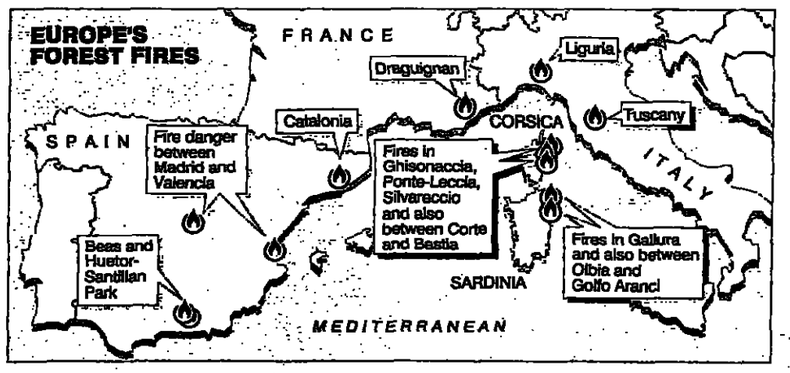
Authorities were criticised by local people in Sardinia and Tuscany who said that two firefighting helicopters based at Pisa had arrived too late to douse the flames. Fires continued in Tuscany and Liguria yesterday and authorities called for more army troops to be deployed to fight the flames.

Italian police said they suspected arsonists, pyromaniacs or shepherds trying to clear wasteland in order to plant new grazing fodder for their flocks of being responsible for setting the fires.

Firefighters in Corsica gained control ofblazes that destroyed more than 2,500 acres of forest. At least two of almost 50 fires were attributed to arson. Near Ponte Leccia about 200 firemen fought the blaze as planes were used to prevent it from spreading. New fires ignited yesterday at Silvareccio and Ghisonaccia.

In France, two men were charged with accidentally setting light to some 1,500 acres of trees at Draguignan, 40 miles west of Nice, after allegedly burning bags of rubbish.

In Spain, fires burned in areas of Catalonia, Valencia and Andalusia. In the mountains above Beas, west of Seville, 3,000 acres of forest were destroyed, including part of the Huetor-Santillán natural park. Damage was more widespread further up the coast in the Valencia region and along the border with Catalonia, where fires continued to burn. A fresh fire broke out yesterday in El Catllar, Catalonia, where a blaze killed five people last week.



Lenin lingers on as foreigners join the queue for his tomb

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

EVERY Wednesday and Friday morning experts descend into the cool darkness of Red Square's mausoleum to check that Lenin is reposing in conditions conducive to his preservation.

The tiniest changes in temperature and humidity are measured and alterations made to fit the time of year. Once every 18 months his body receives attention to prevent decay, his beard is tended and fingernails treated. His hands are then returned to their position, one outspread, the other with the fingers curled inwards to create a natural look.

Mikhail Barsukov, responsible for Project Lenin on the Kremlin staff, is evasive about the processes which have kept the Bolshevik leader looking more or less as he did at his death in 1924, apart from a certain yellowing about his jaw and shrinkage of a couple of inches.

There are recurrent rumours that he has shrunk drastically despite the attentions of the preservers and that the authorities are planning to remove him without warning from Red Square after the next big repair session. "There are no plans for a removal," said Mr Barsukov. "Look how many vistors he still gets."

Lenin's body is one of the most popular sights in Moscow, second to the Kremlin. A long queue herded by militiamen still snakes across Red Square early in the morning, but most of the pilgrims now are foreigners.

Sergeant Mischa Volontsev, who has presided over the orderly passage of tourists into the tomb for four years, says the visits have taken on a different ambience since the fall of communism. "There are fewer Russians," he said. "They came in huge groups organised by the local party . . . and you could see them trying to race ahead to get out and into the shops. Foreigners are much more respectful."

The spectacle of this tribute to the man who brought communism to Russia in a Kremlin now occupied by President Yeltsin, who instigated the Communist party's dissolution two years ago, is incongruous. Mr Yeltsin is thought to have considered having the corpse buried but is wary of provoking a backlash from old Communists.

There are other ties with the past Mr Yeltsin is unwilling to sever, such as the tending of the graves of former Soviet leaders along the Kremlin wall. Presidential gardeners still check that each grave has the statutory three red plastic carnations on it. Fresh flowers have usually been added to Stalin's memorial by unseen hands.

☐ Early release: President Yeltsin has pardoned Yuri Churbanov, the son-in-law of Leonid Brezhnev, the former Soviet leader, halfway through a 12-year jail sentence for corruption. He was convicted of amassing millions of pounds in a giant cotton fraud in Uzbekistan.



Lenin: no plans to remove him from the mausoleum

صكذا من الاصل

Warlord told US deaths in Somalia will be avenged

BY WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

ADMIRAL Jonathan Howe, the UN envoy, last night blamed Muhammad Farrah Aidid, the main warlord in Mogadishu, and threatened reprisals against him after Somali militiamen killed four American soldiers.

The admiral's instant warning went out as President Clinton pledged "appropriate action" in retaliation against the killing of the Americans in a landmine attack, which has provoked outrage in Washington and has led to calls for a reassessment of America's involvement in the UN peacekeeping efforts.

The four, who became the first American troops to be killed during the three-month UN operation in Somalia, died when their vehicle was ambushed and destroyed by a "very large explosion," a UN spokesman in the Somali capital said. "I strongly condemn this cowardly act," Admiral Howe said hours after the men were killed in southern Mogadishu and as tension mounted in the city amid fears of American reprisals. The UN forces would not tolerate "this kind of terrorist campaign of General Aidid," Admiral Howe added.

Major David Stockwell, for the UN, said the four dead, members of the US logistic support command, were in the lead jeep of a convoy blown up while patrolling the capital's Medina district. Reinforcements from the UN's Egyptian, Pakistani and US contingents sped to the scene, while sporadic firing by Somali snipers continued throughout the morning, Major Stockwell added.

The attack occurred when a humvee, the first in a six-vehicle convoy, hit a landmine one mile away from the UN headquarters, leaving an 8ft-wide crater. The other humvees in the convoy escaped damage. Three of the soldiers died on the spot, while the fourth one died later in hospital.

The explosion was followed by a fierce gun battle between supporters of General Aidid and UN peacekeepers. American helicopter gunships came to the rescue later, firing at the rebels, before troops were eventually able to seal off the surrounding area.

The deaths bring the number of UN peacekeepers killed in Somalia to 39 since June 5 after fighting intensified. Yesterday's ambush amounted to the third attack on UN peacekeepers in the past four days. On Thursday, two Americans were wounded when their convoy came under fire outside Mogadishu. On Saturday, a similar ambush resulted in the death of five Somali gunmen.

In Congress, where patience with US military involvement abroad is wearing thin, leading lawmakers have called on the administration to stop sitting on the fence. Senator Robert Dole, Republican minority leader, until now a staunch supporter of President Clinton's Somalia policy, called on the administration to rethink. He said that a withdrawal of US forces "may be close".



Distribution point: a Somali woman trying to get food as UN relief operations continued yesterday

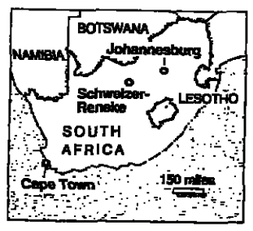
Marchers mirror divided South Africa

Police were drafted into a sleepy town when rival views of the future went on parade there, writes Michael Hamlyn *in Schweizer-Reneke*

THIS quiet agricultural dorp set on the rolling thornveld of western Transvaal became a symbol at the weekend for the conflict that may lie in store for the new South Africa.

While the all-white town council led by Joey Fourie, the mayor in his bicorn hat, red robes and gold badge of office, gave the freedom of the town to the neo-Nazi army of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement (AWB), the freedom of the town was also being given to the commander of the army of the African National Congress, Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK), the Spear of the Nation, by the sharp-suited Israel Gxaweni, "chairperson of Schweizer-Reneke ANC".

The two sides were kept apart by the declaration of the town as an unrest area, and by a heavy influx of police



and the well-armed men from the internal stability department in camouflaged khakis and bulletproof vests. The one-and-a-half-mile road to the black townships was topped and tailed by barricades of shiny new razor wire, and the "commandos" of the AWB were forbidden to bring any armament bigger than a handgun into town.

It is the custom in this country, particularly in the liberal white suburbs of Johannesburg, to regard Eugene Terre'Blanche, the AWB leader, and his followers as absurd. Certainly the performance of the AWB air force, a ragged flypast of ten small planes in uneven batches, did not lend any especial terror to the weekend occasion, but Hitler's brownshirts were also figures of fun for a time in liberal German circles, and there is no doubt that the AWB has both the manpower and the firepower to cause some real problems for a new South Africa.

The main town square, Voortrekkerplein, with its neat brick town hall, its vast black steam train marooned in tarmac, and a signpost that says that Switzerland is 8,406 km that way, was full of uniformed stormtroopers of the AWB. Some wore khaki, some were in camouflage, some — the elite Aquila Guards — in black. They carried an array of flags, most commonly the swastika-like banners.

After the ceremony on the lawn of the town hall more than 1,000 uniformed commandos marched through the town led by two companies of the "Victory Commando" of Schweizer-Reneke itself. They were followed by the AWB band which played such marching tunes as "Sugar Bush I Love You So", which celebrates South Africa's national flower, the protea, and "John Brown's Body", which celebrates the freeing of black American slaves.

The name Schweizer-Reneke has little to do with Switzerland. It is called after Captain Constantin Schweizer and Field Cornet C.N. Reneke, who died in battle thereabouts fighting the native Koranas, a nomadic Hottentot tribe, who had allied with the local blacks in 1883.

There seems to have been little trouble from the blacks since then, though an ANC march broke a few windows last year. The weekend's black celebration took place in the township of Ipelegeng, which means "Let us build together" in the local Tswana tongue.

There 32 members of MK in dark green camouflage uniforms marched past Joe Modise, the army commander, led by Mabel Mahamba, a chubby, 5ft-tall secretary from Johannesburg. There were speeches which were well received by a 2,000-strong crowd in the community football stadium, a dusty arena in a place where the metalled road stops exactly at the township entrance.

Mr Modise, more corpulent than the AWB leader, was garlanded and clothed in an academic gown in ANC colours. He pointed out that this bit of Schweizer-Reneke was built out of corrugated metal sheets and discarded plastic, but that it was beautiful all the same. Mr Modise spoke of building a government of national unity, saying: "We believe that no single party can ever build a new South African nation."

He warned Mr Terre'Blanche and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the chief minister of KwaZulu and also the leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, that the path of violence was not an attractive one.

He added: 'Possibly Mr Terre'Blanche has not been involved in a war. We have been. We want to warn him and his friends that the path they are following will bring misery and hardships to this country.".



Riding high: Eugene Terre'Blanche enjoys the freedom of Schweizer-Reneke

Township flower wins beauty title



Jacqui Mofokeng: took crown from a Coloured

JACQUI Mofokeng, 21, 5ft 8½in tall and a second-year Bachelor of Commerce student at Witwatersrand University, woke up yesterday as the first black Miss South Africa (writes Michael Hamlyn). "I feel," she said, as tradition demands, "on top of the world."

It is appropriate that at the point when apartheid is ending and a non-racial South Africa is coming into being South Africa should be represented in the world's beauty contests by a black woman. "I know a lot of people will say that I won now because I'm black," Miss Mofokeng, whose African name is Palesa ("flower" in Sotho) said, "but I have all the qualities: I am a strong person; people relate to me very easily; I'm a kind person."

She added: "What is happening in our country now needs someone who has experience of the different cultures, who has lived in the townships, where the violence is taking place. I'm from the townships, I've seen life in the townships. I have shared the different cultures. That is my big advantage."

She was crowned by her predecessor, a Coloured woman, Amy Kleinhans, the first non-white Miss South Africa.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Presidents try to halt Tajikstan violence

Moscow: The presidents of the former Soviet republics of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kirghizia and Tajikistan held talks with President Yeltsin at the weekend on ways to stem the violence on the Tajik-Afghan border (Anne McElvoy writes).

In a joint declaration they made clear that they would retaliate against any cross-border attacks. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian prime minister, said: "This is a Tajik-Tajik conflict, not a Russian-Afghan one. Russia will not allow a new Afghan war to start."

In Dushanbe, the Tajik capital, Rashid Alimov, the foreign minister, said that the government was ready to talk to some members of the opposition to stop the country's political and religious conflict spreading to the rest of central Asia.

Sudanese flee

Nairobi: More than 23,000 Sudanese refugees have crossed into northern Uganda to escape fighting between Khartoum government forces and rebels, UN officials said. An estimated 50,000 more villagers have fled from their border homes. *(Reuter)*

Madras blast

Delhi: At least ten people were killed and several injured when a bomb exploded in the regional headquarters of the National Volunteer Corps, a Hindu fundamentalist group, in Madras, southern India, demolishing the two-storey building. *(AFP)*

Kurile poll

Tokyo: About seven in ten Russian residents of the disputed Kurile Islands want them to revert to Japanese rule, according to a survey for *Yomiuri Shimbun*. One third believe they should be given back only if Japan guarantees residents' rights. *(Reuter)*

Armenian push

Baku: Armenian forces closed in on Fizuli in southwest Azerbaijan and launched a new push westwards, the Azerbaijani defence ministry said. "Southwest Azerbaijan has been cut off from the rest of the country," a ministry spokesman said. *(Reuter)*

Delay agreed

Jerusalem: Judges have given prosecutors three more days to decide whether they should try John Demjanjuk, 73, acquitted last month of being "Ivan the Terrible", on new war crimes charges. A hearing scheduled for this Wednesday will not be affected. *(AP)*

Sighs of relief follow narrow Clinton victory

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton will tomorrow put his signature under the final version of his economic programme, hoping to end six months of acrimonious debate after Congress approved the plan with the narrowest possible margin on Friday night.

The vote marked the president's most important victory so far, but the mood in Washington over the weekend, especially among Democrats, has been one of relief rather than jubilation as attention is shifting to the other divisive political battles to come, including the proposed reforms of the health care and welfare systems. There is also a recognition that this may have been the last time that the president could push through a key piece of legislation on an exclusively partisan vote, as not a single Republican congressman supported the package.

On Friday, senators were split 50-50 when Vice-President Al Gore cast the deciding vote on the deficit reduction package. The day before, the House passed the bill by 218 votes to 216. One vote less in either chamber and the bill would have failed, crippling Mr Clinton's presidency.

The president hailed this "landslide" victory as the "sound of gridlock breaking", in reference to what he regularly attacks as Congress's inaction in solving the nation's problems. But this assessment was not generally shared, even in his own party, and especially not by Senator Bob Kerrey of Nebraska, whose last-minute conversion assured Mr Clinton's victory.

The lengthy efforts to bring Mr Kerrey into the supporters' camp proved more difficult than had been thought. On Thursday, the senator told Mr Clinton that he intended to vote against the plan. Mr Kerrey said he and Mr Clinton had been shouting at each other on the telephone.

In a rousing speech on the Senate floor, Mr Kerrey criticised the plan, not for its taxes but for its failure to shift the emphasis from consumption to savings. He had originally favoured starting the budget process again, but changed his mind when Daniel Patrick Moynihan, chairman of the Senate finance committee, persuaded him that a new start would not result in an improved package.

Mr Kerrey justified his decision to vote for "a bill which challenges Americans too little" because he did not want to be responsible for endangering the presidency of "a man who came to this town green and inexperienced in our ways". He said: "Our fiscal problems do not exist because wealthy Americans aren't paying enough taxes. Our fiscal problems exist because of rapid, uncontrolled growth in programmes that primarily benefit the middle class."

As part of his efforts to persuade conservative congressmen to support the package, the president agreed to a supplementary budget later in the year to achieve an additional $10 billion (£6.7 billion) or more in spending cuts. This came after criticisms that the plan would raise taxes immediately while the spending cuts in the budget will not occur for another two years.

The most important element of the plan is $255 billion in spending cuts over five years and $241 billion in new taxes, including a rise in the top rate of income tax from 31 per cent to 36 per cent. A proposed broad-based energy tax was replaced with a 4.3 cents tax rise on fuel.

THE WORLD'S most powerful earthquake in four years struck the Pacific island of Guam yesterday, injuring 48 people, damaging buildings and triggering landslides, officials said.

The earthquake measured 8.1 on the Richter scale and knocked out power lines, plunging the entire 212-square-mile US territory into darkness. The island was being battered by Typhoon Steve when the quake struck, centred 55 miles northeast of Agana, the island's capital.

Joseph Ada, the Guam governor, asked President Clinton to declare the island a disaster area, officials said. There were no immediate reports of deaths, but houses shuddered as the ground shook violently for about 60 seconds. *(Reuter)*

Hosokawa follows his ancestors into high office

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

MORIHIRO Hosokawa, Japan's new prime minister, was yesterday putting the finishing touches to his coalition cabinet at his official residence, which he inspected and described as "really antiquated".

His election last Friday ended 38 years of rule by the battered Liberal Democratic Party, which was defeated at the polls in June. Mr Hosokawa swept to power thanks to an eye for the populist theme, some crafty footwork and an illustrious political and aristocratic ancestry. A former upper house backbencher, he now needs his skills to juggle a coalition embracing seven disparate parties, many of them inexperienced in government.

It was, he says, "divine intuition and historical inspiration" that led him to leave the LDP a year ago to form the Japan New Party, crafted to appeal as a reformist conservative alternative to the LDP. Mr Hosokawa's articulate message struck a note with an electorate both disenchanted with the LDP and unhappy with the manifestly impotent veteran opposition alternatives.

The JNP won 35 seats in the election, placing its leader in a comfortable position to solicit offers of power and prestige from both the LDP and a loosely knit five-party opposition alliance, its sights hungrily set on ousting the LDP from government. Mr Hosokawa held out for ten days until, seemingly on the brink of being lured into the LDP camp, he received a barrage of angry telephone calls from supporters and faced near revolt by 26 of his JNP colleagues. With a nimble leap over the fence, he emerged as the compromise leader at the head ofa seven party coalition government.

He follows an honourable family tradition. His grandfather, Prince Fumimaro Konoe, was prime minister between 1937 and 1939 and again between 1940 and 1941, and his ancestors stretch back 18 generations as samurai warriors and feudal lords, and further back still to the imperial family.

Mr Hosokawa started his professional life as a journalist with the respected *Asahi Shimbun*. Exceedingly well-connected, elegant and quite handsome to boot, Mr Hosokawa ran successfully for the upper house of the Diet in 1971, aged 33, and in 1983 to become governor of Kumamoto prefecture.

Mr Hosokawa now has to achieve his stated aim of reforming politics and creating genuine political pluralism. "The root cause of our structural problems is that we haven't had political change," he has said. Now he has the chance.

☐ The toll from torrential rain sweeping southern Japan rose to 45 last night, with another 12 missing, police said. *(Reuter)*



Hosokawa: juggling a disparate coalition

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The health risk is obvious — but the model with a cigarette is never completely out of style

A cloudy outlook





TOP LEFT: the Hollywood image — Carole Lombard ABOVE: sophisticated — or simply dangerous? From the pages of a recent Italian Vogue



ABOVE: the image of Enid Boulting that earned Norman Parkinson a rebuke from the editor-in-chief



Fashion

IAIN R. WEBB

IN THE early 1950s, Norman Parkinson photographed the model Enid Boulting in a masculine fitted suit, white shirt and miniature bow tie. She carried the then *de rigueur* handbag and gloves, and wore a flower in her buttonhole. Even though her hair was cropped, short, her face was immaculately made-up — high, arched eyebrows, flicks at the corners of her eyes, and lips painted dramatically.

From one corner of her mouth a cigarette protruded, unlit, as she searched in her handbag for a light. The photograph exudes glamour, yet it caused a great sensation when Parkinson presented it to American *Vogue*. It prompted a cable from the editor-in-chief which read, "Smoking in *Vogue* so tough so unfeminine!" Some 40 years later, Italian *Vogue* continues to fill its glossy pages with ladies alight.

Recently, it ran a story entitled "The girls and beauty". The main photograph opening the story features seven leading models, including Linda, Naomi, Kristen and Amber. All are wearing white shirts and slacks, and four of them are holding cigarettes. In the same issue, a profile of the actress Kelly Lynch features her smoking. Two other big fashion stories have pictures of models brandishing cigarettes.

The latest issue sees Raquel Welch, Lucy Ferry, Isabella Blow and Sonia Braga smoking, alongside models in another three fashion stories.

Smoking in *Vogue*? So what's going on?

Franca Sozzani, the editor of Italian *Vogue*, explains that the magazine has no definite editorial policy about models smoking in pictures.

"During the shoot, it could happen that models are smoking and the photographer likes the idea," she says. "And if he takes a good picture, why not?" The magazine's approach to cigarette advertising appears equally insouciant. "We don't refuse them, because smoking is a choice," Ms Sozzani says.

Cigarettes and smoking have been afforded a soigné image ever since all those Hollywood starlets puffed away on the back lot at Warner Brothers and MGM. Smoking on screen was what the sirens did best — they made it look sophisticated and glamorous. Press shots of the day featured Bette Davis, Marlene Dietrich, Lauren Bacall and Veronica Lake suspended in a stream of cigarette smoke. Even Coco Chanel smoked. At one time the cigarette was as much a part of sophisticated fashion plates as a lipstick.

Of course, that was before the doctors told us how dangerous the habit is. Before that, the word habit was used only in connection with drug users. Now it has become only too clear that smokers are technically drug abusers as well (whether we like it or not).

TODAY, the advertising of cigarettes is strictly regulated. American *Vogue* still carries advertising for seductive sounding brands such as Now ("only 1mg tar!"), Misty Ultra Lights, Capri Super Slims, and Virginia Slims ("you've come a long way, baby"), although the editorial pages appear smoke free.

British *Vogue* has a blanket ban throughout the magazine. "A few years ago the government and the publishers of glossy magazines drew up a code of practice with regard to cigarette advertising," says Stephen Quinn, the publisher of *Vogue*. He explains that magazines with a younger (25 and below) audience are, under the code, restricted from drawing money from the cigarette industry by banning such advertising.

Lucinda Chambers, the magazine's fashion director, says that even though there are smokers on her team, nobody smokes in the fashion room at *Vogue*. "We have a very definite no-smoking policy for pictures, too. It would just glamorise something totally unglamorous. It's such an outmoded thing to think smoking is cool. Nowadays young people are much more green and environmentally friendly."

Convincing photographers that cigarettes are unchic is not so easy. "It's amazing how many photographers like the models to smoke in pictures," Ms Chambers says. "Maybe it is because it gives the model something to do with her hands."

MARCUS Von Ackermann, the fashion director of British *Elle*, agrees. "Photographers like to take pictures of girls smoking. Even if the model is a non-smoker, it does seem to make them more confident in front of the camera if they're holding a cigarette." Mr Ackermann is a confirmed smoker, but can't use pictures of models smoking in the magazine. "Even if we could, I wouldn't because I don't think it's right to encourage anyone else to smoke."

The glamorisation of smoking, although undoubtedly abhorent when viewed in terms of medical statistics, is understandable. Smokers are not naive innocents. They know smoking is damaging their health (the warnings on the packets spell it out), yet still do it regardless of the risk.

Such a fatalistic flirtation is seen by some as somehow brave and smart. Witness the success of Death, a recent brand of cigarettes to enter the marketplace. If the name doesn't shock you, the sombre black packaging, complete with skull and crossbones logo, should.

And yet, the sales of Death cigarettes are rising steadily. The eerie-looking packets have become, rather surprisingly, a chic accessory to be brandished with bravado — as though laughing in the face of the devil is somehow clever and, by association, alluring.

Not a view shared by Glenda Bailey, the editor of *Marie Claire*. Ms Bailey is resolute in her rejection of cigarette smokers, and will have the wicked weed nowhere near her magazine. "Smoking is *not* attractive," she says. "Beautiful girls wearing wonderful clothes don't need a cigarette to give them confidence. I think it's wrong to promote smoking as glamorous. Cigarettes are banned on the fashion pages of *Marie Claire* as they are an unnecessary prop, and would detract from our sophisticated image."

Which brings us back to the images which appear in Italian *Vogue*. "I love the fashion photography in Italian *Vogue*," Ms Bailey says, "but I think it would be improved by eliminating the cigarettes!"



ABOVE: a whiff of sophistication from the Italian Vogue



ABOVE: a star who was fast on the draw — Marlene Dietrich

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The hotel has a boat with an experienced skipper who will take you fishing or touring along the coast. It also organises drives and guided rambles through the wild Corsican mountains, with mushroom-picking in the autumn.

The old walls of Porto-Vecchio still survive in places and the little town is crowned with an 18th-century Genoese citadel. Along the coast there is the picturesque clifftop town of Bonifacio, looking across the seven-mile wide Strait of Bonifacio to Sardinia.

Fish and seafood, fresh from the sea, is the speciality of the gourmet terrace restaurant: bass, bream, mullet, langoustines. But you can also find on the menu such dishes as rack of lamb cooked with rosemary, and wild duck glazed with Corsican honey.

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HOTLINE

CAMOUFLAGE trousers are coming out of the shadows and into the limelight. Ever-increasing sightings of stylish young things wearing mottled army fatigue trousers in the metropolis have convinced Hotline that a new trend is under way.

Taking over where white jeans left off, these practical pants are best worn loose on the hips, with soft jackets and the palest and smallest of jumpers. Although originally designed to help soldiers blend into the landscape, today's fashion items know no cover and are worn strictly for encounters of the stylish kind.

BAGS with style can be hard to find, unless shopping in the vicinity of Anya Hindmarch's new shop. Her handbag designs are quirky and imaginative — a black leather "tall boy" sits upon gold legs, a pocket in an evening bag holds a fob watch (perfect for Cinderellas) and a seemingly classic pigskin bag has handles which end in rather grand carved dog heads.

Each bag is hand-made, initialled and numbered for matching the batch and colour of skin should the need for repair arise. Prices start at £120. Anya Hindmarch, 91 Walton Street, SW3, open Monday to friday 9.30am to 5.30pm.

IN THE new edition of *Esquire* magazine, Giorgio Armani dresses five men from the worlds of media and sport and discusses his philosophy on menswear. Readers might well find themselves baffled by a few hundred words of discourse on ecology, ethnicity "convincing one's inner-self of an image before convincing others" and "internalisation" — whatever that might be. Armani is unquestionably one of the world's leading designers, but when it comes to explaining his theories on menswear he isn't going to win many prizes.

LONDON is losing its hair. For women, the current favourite is short, tousled and boyish; for men the shorter the better, shaved, guru-style and "suede heads" are the order of the day. Pony tails and long locks are losing ground as hairstyles shave up for the summer.

RACHEL COLLINS

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'The stuffy state apartments with their flock wallpaper and naff chandeliers make our own cosy clutter look positively tasteful'

Buck House tour? It's a bargain



LIBBY PURVES

The general opinion of the *bien pensants* — if I read the tone of Radio 4 and the posh Sundays correctly — is that it simply will not do, this summer, to be seen lining up in The Mall for the Buck House tour. One might risk being sighted in the queue at Euro Disney or Alton Towers, but instant social death will result for any person of cultural pretensions caught emerging from the palace Portaloos or waiting their turn to be reflected in the famous trick mirror in the White Drawing Room.

You could, of course, pretend to be there *just* for the picture gallery, but even the art critic (and expert vowel-contortionist) Brian Sewell told listeners that the whole place was "a snare and a del-ew-sion", and not worth eight quid. He added that he, for one, has better lino in his bathroom.

Others spoke of naff chandeliers, of flock wallpaper (some reporters rubbed it to check), and of the way you can get really sick of imitation onyx pillars and ice-blue chairs on flamingo carpets. The royal household may be rather tactlessly wringing their hands in public about "dust and humidity" being brought in to the place by hoi polloi, but the risk of contempt is by far the greater threat to their living.

Bagehot was right about not letting in daylight on royal magic. "Seaside Grand Hotel style, only not so well done", sneered yet another reporter after trudging round the "rather samey" Nash interiors; and the final kiss of death came when dear Arthur Edwards of *The Sun* emerged from the Press tour saying reverently that it was "Class, real class", and that he had brought some crown-shaped choccies for his wife. Quick, somebody: give Mr Sewell his smelling-bottle.

But what on earth did they all expect? And why do they think we British keep visiting stately homes anyway? It certainly is not because we want to live in them. Rather the contrary: I suspect that only a few very odd people indeed have a serious desire to live in a glade of gold-leaf and uncomfortable curly chairs, where swagger portraits of dead dukes are gloomily lit by fake candles and glass chips dangle out of rococo plaster cow-pats on the ceiling.

Raine Spencer might have had a taste for gilding (apparently at one stage, no other decorator in the country could get any because it was *all* at Althorp being lashed on with a trowel). But most of us visit stately homes out of little more than a healthy desire to reassure ourselves that there is a level of domestic grandeur above which no sane person wishes to rise. It is cheering and uplifting to know that one prefers one's own lino. It is the whole point.

The empty over-decorated formality of the public rooms at Buckingham Palace is the antithesis of common British taste. What we do best in the domestic interior is cosy clutter: whether of pot dogs from Bridlington seafront, old books and antlers from our ancestors, or eccentric collections of model ships, tin toys, stuffed owls or beermats. We like richness to come from confusion and haphazard detail: not from bland, homogenous Nashy grandeur which is intimidating without being inspiring.

I have a particular aversion to it myself, having grown up in a *series of consulates and embassy* residences furnished in the style known as Ministry of Works Louis XIV. A child has a jaundiced view of tedious *salons* where the chairs have awful goldy legs and the sofas live under shrouds all week while cobwebs grow on the cornices.

The family would always cram gratefully into some smaller, scruffier room, or retire to the old servants' quarters in the attic to play ping-pong among the rats' nests. The Royals probably do the same.

Maybe, like me, their children develop a positive aversion to anything moulded, marbled, gilded or generally mucked-about. One of the great pleasures of viewing the Sotheby's sale at Mentmore was realising that, out of all these alleged Rothschild *"treasures", there was not one* single object to which one would willingly give houseroom.

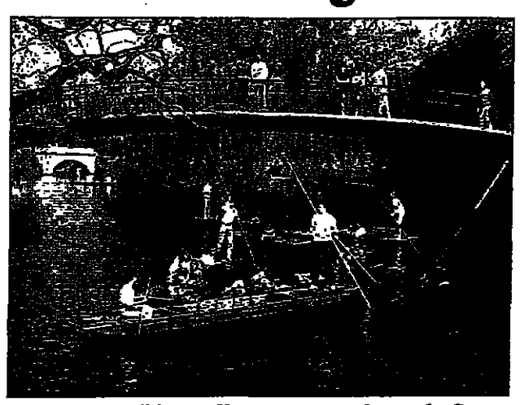
I remember standing in front of a Sèvres china oyster-stand, one of perhaps three in the world, and realising with a rush of delight that not only could I not afford this awful object, I didn't want to. The glee which will be felt by palace tourists this summer will be part of the pleasure: "Great barn of a place, dear. Think of the dusting. *Silly, calling it the Blue* Drawing Room when most of it is pink and yellow, isn't it?"

It is different, of course, when a great house is a work of art itself, or contains layers of palpable history. We have our own equivalents of the Forbidden City of Peking or the Doges' Palace of Venice: places where the past will ambush the most unthinking visitor with awe. Britain has keeps and crofts, castles, and family houses, cottages, and Pictish towers which are worth any queue: which disturb and challenge the *modern visitor by conveying that* there are — or were — other, more rigorous, perhaps more spiritual, definitely more communal ways to live than between the TV, the fitted kitchen and the carport.

But not the state apartments. This cold, formal, soulless set of rooms can only reinforce our affection for the cosy kitchenette with a cat-litter tray in the corner. Worth eight quid of anyone's money: complacency never comes cheap.

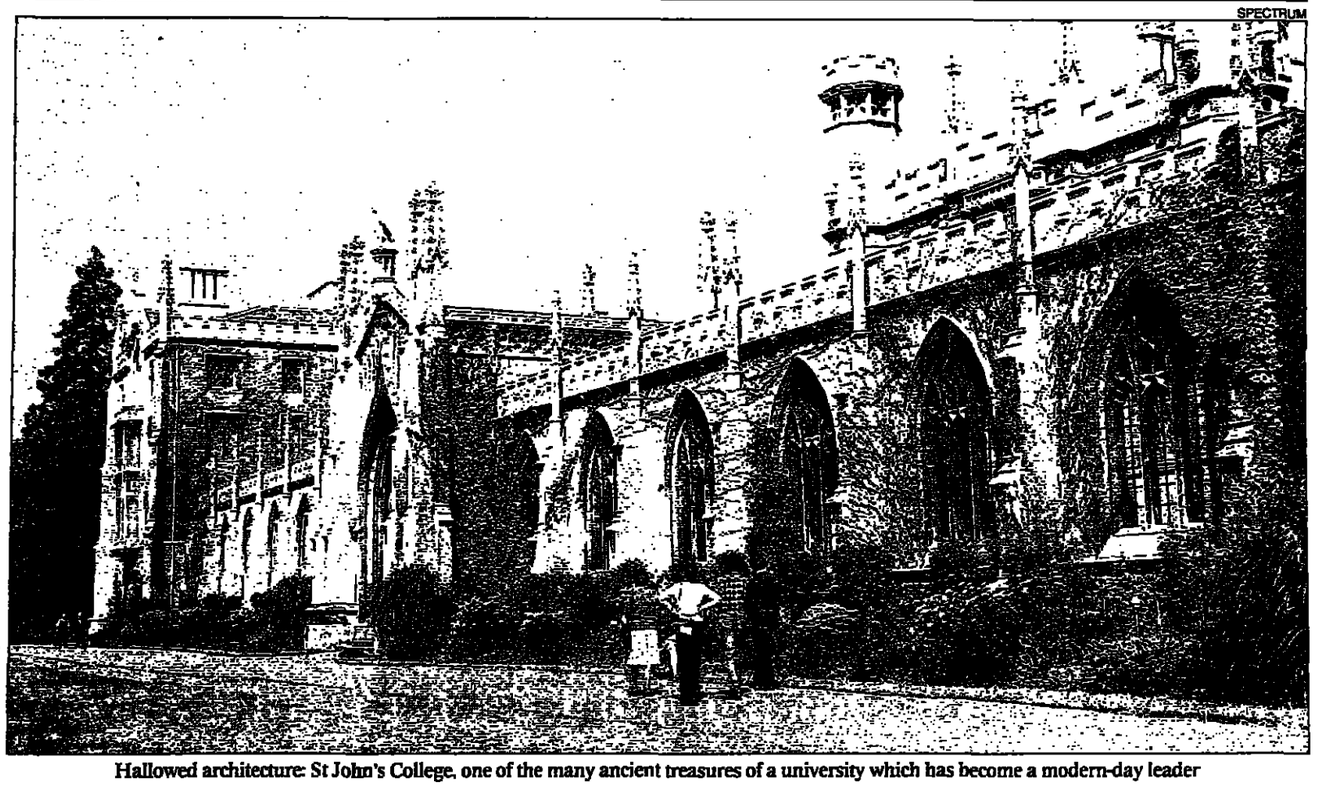
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Matthew d'Ancona (an Oxford man) gazes through fenland mists to try to discover the secrets of Cambridge pre-eminence



Hallowed tradition: undergraduates punting on the Cam

SPECTRUM



Hallowed architecture: St John's College, one of the many ancient treasures of a university which has become a modern-day leader

On a warm summer evening in Cambridge, if you stand on the lawn of a friendly college with a glass of wine in your hand and look out at the river shimmering with the reflected image of ancient stone, it is hard to believe you are deep in the engine-room of Europe's most successful educational dynamo.

Yet the onward advance of the Cantabrian machine now seems unstoppable. It is not just evident in the rise of the 1960s Cambridge political mafia — Norman Lamont and his successor as Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, Michael Howard, Peter Lilley and John Gummer. More startling has been the clean sweep the university has achieved in every conceivable league table.

In 1990, Cambridge topped a survey of European universities carried out by the French journal *Libération*. It topped *The Times* Good University Guide, pipping Oxford to the post. This year's list of 40 new fellows of the Royal Society included no fewer than 12 names from Cambridge, far more than from any other institution. And, most importantly for its scholars, Cambridge headed the Universities Funding Council's research rankings last December, pushing well ahead of Oxford in many subjects where its ancient rival was assumed to hold the field.

Since *The Times* guide was first published, the official line adopted by universities towards league tables has been one of extreme caution verging on hostility. Privately, however, there is grudging acceptance that this is the way of the future and that prospective undergraduates and benefactors will consult these indicators more and more.

In Oxford, there is considerable alarm at the general trend and at such nasty surprises as the funding council's view that Birmingham and Birkbeck College, London, have better history departments than it. Having produced seven prime ministers already this century, Oxford is used to coming top in whatever it does. In their cups, Oxford dons have always tended to dismiss Cambridge as a *haut*-bohemian retreat for spies, actors and reclusive scientists. These days, high table conversations turn rather more often to "why the Other Place is doing so damned well".

In Cambridge, fenland diffidence is giving way to a satisfying sense of vindication. It is tempting to attribute such success to gimmicks, but Sir David Williams, the university's first full-time vice-chancellor, argues that academic preeminence has deeper roots.

> Why hire five Lucky Jims when you can have one Umberto Eco?

"We were fortunate enough to develop our scientific side early, mostly in the 19th century," he says. "There was an appeal launched by the university which ran from 1898 to 1908 and helped to underpin some of the university's excellence. It gave Cambridge a tremendous impetus." On these formidable foundations, he argues, were built the new mansions of the social sciences and humanities faculties.

Jonathan Clark, a Cambridge-bred historian who is now a fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, agrees that the distinctiveness of the Cambridge intellectual tradition has been underestimated in the search for an imagined Oxbridge. "We see Oxford and Cambridge as essentially similar because they are rivals and have different architecture," he says.

"But the differences are ancient and they are communicated in mood and assumption as well as overt differences such as courses, syllabuses and the organisation of graduate research." In his own field, he argues, Cambridge has a quite different agenda from Oxford, emphasising political thought, demography and historiography rather than narrowly institutional narrative history. Perhaps this is one reason that Oxford has recruited so many Cambridge historians.

But other universities analysing the Cambridge phenomenon with green eyes are looking for organisational secrets rather than scholarly traditions. In his 1856 exploration of English manners *A Yankee Abroad*, William Emerson wrote that "of the British universities, Cambridge has the most illustrious names on the list".

Today, that may still hold true. But the wisdom in Cambridge now is that individual excellence is not enough. The players that are said to make the difference are those that can translate their own brilliance into a climate of success.

These select dons, Sir David argues, are always important "because of the inspiration they provide. Our great names are visible. They are seen by and teach the vast majority of undergraduates." Mark Watson, president of the student union, is more critical. But he concedes that the contact between Cambridge's best academics and undergraduates is essential.

"There's no doubt that Cambridge is the only place in the world where you can be sure you will be taught by the best in the world," he said. The most important individuals, he adds, are not necessarily the most famous. It is the ability to communicate excellence that counts.

Around the common rooms of the university, there is a surprising degree of agreement on the top guns that the Cambridge machine depends on. The names mentioned by dons include Alan Fersht, professor of organic chemistry; Sir Martin Rees, of the institute of astronomy; Professor John Gurdon, an expert on developmental biology and cancer research; and Sir Keith Peters, the regius professor of physic, who runs the university's vast clinical department.

Another is Anthony Atkinson, professor of political economy, and warden-elect of Nuffield College, Oxford, who is regarded as a great loss to the university. Gallantly, he describes his own faculty as "very much a team operation"; but he agrees that there is "a certain furiousness about things at Cambridge, from undergraduates upwards".

These and a handful of others are Cambridge's First XI. In most businesses and professions, the idea of ruthless head-hunting is scarcely a novelty. But it is a revolutionary concept in academic life, which is still ruled by national pay agreements and rigid hierarchies. Recruitment policy is severely limited by these structures, which are particularly confining at the ancient universities. But many vice-chancellors believe that the advent of performance-related pay in universities will lead inexorably to local pay bargaining and enable them to recruit more freely. Why hire five Lucky Jims when you can have one Umberto Eco?

The seeds of these changes are already being sown at Cambridge. It is indisputably the best university in Britain, probably the best in Europe, possibly the best in the world. For the moment, others can only look on at its triumphs with envy, and wonder how to duplicate that "certain furiousness" of which other spires can only dream.

Clamped! The desperate truth

The Denver boot has been used in London for ten years and is still hated by motorists, says **Alice Thomson**

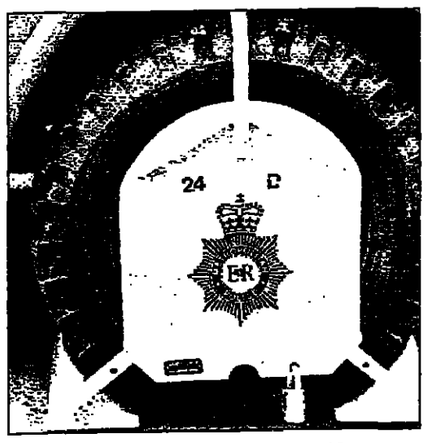
IT IS classless and is careless who it offends. It is as loathed as the window tax and the poll tax. The clamp, so loved by the bureaucrats, is hated by all decent citizens but is now an astonishing ten years old, and has raised £35 million from London motorists — not including revenue from the parking tickets.

The first motorist to return to find the bright yellow Denver boot clamped to his wheel was a businessman, Ismet Ilkbahar. His white Mercedes was secured in Sloane Street, Knightsbridge, after a number of false starts by the Metropolitan Police. They had failed to clamp a Ford Granada, which slipped away while they were still struggling with bolts — to the applause of the media.

The unfortunate Mr Ilkbahar returned half an hour later and found that his name was the first in the clamping hall of fame. The next day motorists started to do battle with the yellow peril: a Volvo owner jacked up his car, undid the nuts on the wheel and removed it complete with the clamp. He was fined £200.

Tales began to circulate of the lady who had to barter her wedding ring with the clampimg agency to retrieve her car, of newly-married couples' cars being clamped, and of cabbies being clamped as they nipped to the Portaloo.

More than 960,000 cars have been given the treatment and a whole industry has been inspired. But now, in shining white overalls, astride a white scooter comes an automotive knight for the nineties. Malcolm Allan, 28, used to run a declamping service for motorists in the West End — organising ticket payments. He was so appalled by the confusion and, ultimately, the desperation caused by the varying parking restrictions, and penalties being enforced for offences that many motorists did not even know existed, that he spent a year researching his book, *How to avoid being clamped or towed within Central London*.



Yellow peril: putting in the steel boot

"This confusion is being fully exploited by the wardens, clampers and tow-away units and is costing London motorists millions." Mr Allan seethes. His book lists all the parking offences and contains maps of every controlled parking zone in the 11 central London boroughs.

"What I endeavour to do is to show all the parking restrictions in each of the zones, enabling the reader to park with confidence without the fear of being clamped or towed," he states in the introduction.

The restrictions are onerous, the book shows. Did you know that if you park sloppily (your wheel need be only a toenail over the demarcation line) you have committed offence code 8. Mount the pavement by even a fraction and you can be clamped. Buying more meter time after the initial payment can cost £98 in clamping fees and fixed-penalty tickets. Never park on an out-of-order meter if it jams after you have put in some money: that is an offence too. However, if the meter is completely vandalised, with the head and coin slot removed, parking is allowed.

Times are even more confusing. Westminster G zone, covering Soho, Covent Garden, Whitehall and Aldwych, is fast becoming a no-go zone for motorists. Cars are clamped through the night until 4am. Westminster council wardens go round on mopeds for efficiency, and time restrictions vary wildly.

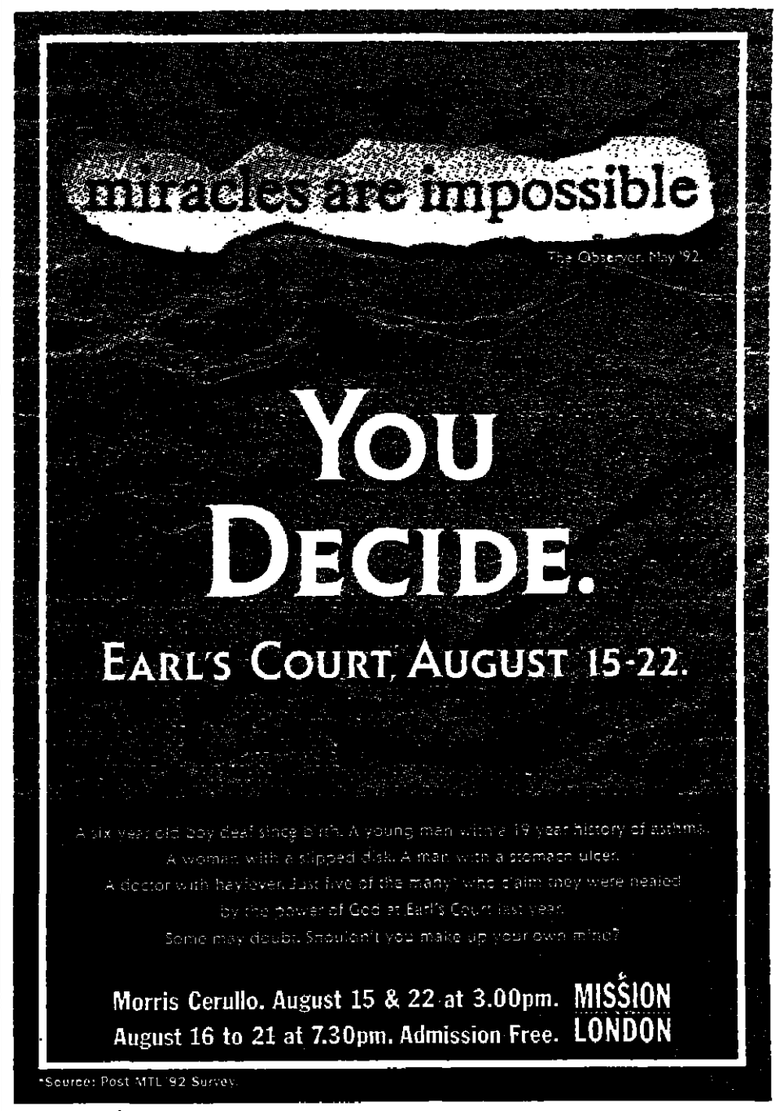
Mr Allan says: "Over 75 per cent of my customers got caught out through lack of knowledge. Most can't believe it. The women burst into tears and the men get violent — but nothing helps. A high percentage just don't have the money to pay. It wrecks the day for tourists — they think they are being specifically targeted. The French go mad."

OF TRAFFIC wardens he says: "They are hardened to it — I do not feel sorry for them at all. I can only feel sorry for the victims. The penalty compared to the offence is so harsh, and traffic wardens never warn drivers, they just want the ticket."

He never drives in London. "Madness. I have a motorbike and they rarely clamp those. But with the book you can plot your way cheaply around London. Once people become educated, councils will lose money. They've been on to a good thing for too long and never bothered to explain the regulations."

Mr Allan decided to publish the book himself after testing it successfully on friends. If enough people buy it he will plot a move to the Highlands because he never wants to see a yellow line again.

● An Insider's Guide: How to avoid being clamped or towed within Central London, *Metroclamp Publications, price £2.99. Available at W H Smith, Dillons and Waterstone's.*



Matthew Parris



■ You're in exotic Cuba and it's your birthday, but nobody knows and there's not much to celebrate anyway

Is there any sorrow quite so sweet as the melancholy which steals over a chap upon the reflection that nobody knows, or has remembered, it is his birthday?

Here I am, on a train in Cuba, travelling through the sweltering heat from Santa Clara to Havana, and *nobody*, not one among the thousand or more Cubans on this train, and neither of my two companions, has wished me a happy 44th birthday.

Paul, I think, may once have written it down somewhere. I have taken elaborate precautions to prevent his being reminded, even to the extent of removing myself from a discussion of star signs, before it turned to me . . .

"Leo? It must be around this time of year then?"

Lesley, I'm sure, never knew. I have no intention of telling her. I'm going to savour every morsel of reproach when I tell her just after midnight. "Goodness me, Lesley, please don't apologise — how could you have known? I never thought it worth mentioning. Birthdays mean so little, don't you think, as one gets older."

Simon would have known. He's the sort of bloke who makes a note of things. But Simon turned back at Heathrow with a sudden ear inflammation. Aha! Safe, then! The last link withdrawn. Each day, from our arrival on July 31, opens like the windows in an Advent calendar, building in anticipation as the 7th approaches. The day nobody will wish me happy birthday.

And now I stare from the train window across millions of acres of sugar cane and palm trees waving in the hot wind. *Please* don't feel guilty, Cuba, there was no way you could have known.

Cuba, poor Cuba, has other worries on her mind. I am unsure whether a national economy can ever do anything so dramatic as seize up, but if it can, then Cuba seems to be close. Let me tell you about my train, for it offers a fair metaphor for a socialist economy in its final stages.

Such an economy is not without its strengths. The railway, for instance, is a fine construction and quite well maintained. Cuba is about the length of Great Britain and along its spine runs a modern railway linking Havana with the rest of the island. It's a full day's journey. The track is wide and stable and the trains reach speeds of about 60mph between the many stations. The scenery is exotic — fields of cane, flowering trees and jungly hills, with the occasional glimpse of the blue Atlantic. The fares (for Cubans) are ludicrously cheap, within the reach of all.

But there's a shortage of trains. There is a shortage of diesel fuel, too; and no money to buy either. Travel is rationed by the queue, and Cubans must wait for days or even weeks for a seat on the train. The tourist pushes past hundreds of people waiting at the station, to buy with dollars the seats reserved (at a hundred times the price) for dollar passengers. I simply hate doing this, but Caesar at the railway station assures me it's the form. Caesar, a jet-black Cuban who has studied English and journalism in Moscow for four years, speaks excellent English. He is proud of the railway, and of his job assisting foreigners: but it cannot have been what he hoped for.

So you push past the Cubans to the train. It has 17 carriages, numbered "*coche 1-2-3 etc*". By each stands a uniformed woman holding up a wooden plaque displaying the carriage number. On board, her plaque turns into a clipboard: she is your carriage supervisor. She begins the journey with a short speech to the entire carriage stressing the importance of self-discipline among passengers. We must keep our seats clean and not move about unnecessarily. No alcohol. She checks and rechecks the seat numbers and their occupants' tickets throughout the journey, assisted by several ticket inspectors in ties and a number of railway police. One's journey is marked by the constant marching up and down of officials — 20 or 30, I calculate, on my train.

> **Cuba, poor Cuba, has other worries on her mind: an economy that is seizing up**

But there is nobody to clean the windows. It is almost impossible to see out. Luckily I forced my window open.

And there is no food. Or, rather, there is another official with a trolley of small boxes of boiled rice sprinkled with chippings of fried Spam-like material. Each passenger buys one — they cost almost nothing. Cubans devour these hungrily. They are rationed to three kilograms of rice a month, and not a lot else. The supply of rice boxes runs out before the official has reached the end of the carriage.

I hear from another Englishman who can get the BBC World Service on his transistor radio that Castro has just sacked virtually his entire cabinet. I have no idea whether this is true. Towards the end of our train journey a stone smashes the window, showering glass on to two shocked Cuban passengers. Nobody knows what is going on here. We will be the last to know, as news reports are uninformative and there seem to be no newspapers. They know nothing here. They don't even know it's my birthday.

The 'demon of the place' is still alive and well in Britain, judging by readers' spiritual experiences

Homes haunted by the unknown guest

A month ago I wrote an article about the "unknown guest" which some people have recognised as an inspiration in their lives. I asked readers to write and tell me of their own experiences and have had a considerable number of replies, almost all of them very interesting. Many people report the experience of direct communication, sometimes a voice, which has advised them of an important future event, a marriage, a death, a threatened accident.

Many people have experienced what they regard as providence in their lives; some put that down to direct communication with the Holy Spirit, but others think it is a more natural type of intuition.

As I live in the West Country, I am thoroughly familiar with stories of ghosts: several concern houses which have belonged to members of my own family, ranging from The Dogs in Wincanton, where William of Orange spent the night on his way to London in 1688, to Clifford Chambers near Stratford on Avon, where William Shakespeare is said to have caught a fatal cold during a drinking party in 1616. Unfortunately, neither ghost was William of Orange or Shakespeare.

John Wood the elder, the great Bath architect, wrote that "the country around the hot springs of Bath have been particularly famous for its haunted houses"; that still seems true two-and-a-half centuries later. There seem to be one or two haunted houses in every Somerset village.

What has surprised me, however, is the number of letters which have referred to spiritual experiences of a broader kind connected with particular houses. This is, of course, a very ancient idea. The classical world was very familiar with the *genius loci*, the demon of the place; our Celtic ancestors believed that certain groves in the woods were holy places, and there are thought to be some Christian churches built on the sites of those Celtic shrines.

Yet I had not expected this particular manifestation to come across so clearly in the letters I received. I can take three of them as instances of this type of experience.

The first associates particular buildings with experiences of a blissful kind. "At the age of 69 I have only had this experience a few times. I feel the place has a wonderful feeling of peace . . . the atmosphere is infinitely soothing and there is a very great sense of love." This was associated in the writer's mind with the Catholic connections of certain houses — he was a convert to Catholicism for a three-year period from 1968, but has subsequently found the Catholic Church "so very rigid on moral questions".

The houses where he had these feelings of peace were Stonor Park, Traquair House and Forbes House in Halkin Street, London, where he visited the ballet exhibition of Christmas 1953.

This writer also had a similar experience when visiting Carrara Cathedral in 1971. "I was thinking about Campion (the Jesuit martyr) and then in a flash I had the feeling that *everything*, outside the cathedral door and way, way beyond, to the very limits of space, was *love*."

Sir Alister Hardy's collection of religious experiences suggests this type of "oceanic" religious feeling is not uncommon, but its relationship to specific buildings is not so usual. They seem in this case at least to have triggered the religious experience.

The second letter came from a mother who is being treated for cancer. I also had a letter from her daughter — the two report strong telepathic links. These letters were quite wide-ranging and suggest strong intuitive powers. The mother's letter refers to experiences with particular houses. Here the feeling has sometimes been a negative one.

William Rees-Mogg

"There are some houses I just cannot enter without a terrible feeling of distress. One such house is Clandon — upstairs . . . one thing after another happened in my previous house and I knew if we didn't move as soon as possible it would be too late — tragedy would finally overtake us . . . always when close family members have been about to die there have been many signs — one strange experience is that on entering my house just before such times I am very conscious of what seem like presences staring out into the garden from the front main windows and I seem to catch glimpses of something in the room itself."

The third case is also of a West Country house. The writer has lived in the same house for some 70 years; the previous owners had lived there since the 1870s. During the whole of this period, the occupants, including in the earlier days the servants, have been aware of "an unseen presence".

As a child the writer had spoken to the previous owners about it. They replied reassuringly, "Oh it is nothing to be nervous about dear, it is only Him".

"Who is Him?" he enquired.

"Well, we don't really know, dear, he was here when we came. He's quite harmless. He is the sort of *genius loci*, we don't take any notice of him."

Apparently nobody has ever seen this presence, but they were aware of "Him" because they could hear footsteps or he would ring bells, or move about, or talk. The library was his sanctum. The writer is convinced that "Him" is a benign presence. "He has always protected me but I could not have remained here but for his mental influence on me."

When the writer inherited the estate, he found that it had nowhere near the income required to support it. "Him" gave practical advice, including the advice to sell war loan, at the time of Munich, against the pressing advice of the local bank manager.

"Him" is benevolent and may even have chosen the writer as the custodian of the house, but his main concern seems to be with the preservation of the house itself. The writer has at least twice experienced "Him" as a voice giving direct advice; on both occasions the advice proved good.

When I wrote my previous article I had not at all expected that such local bricks-and-mortar spiritual influences would appear; I was thinking rather of direct personal advice such as is recorded in the Bible or in the case of Socrates or Joan of Ark. Certainly the letters have included instances of that type as well, but the relationship between particular buildings — all of them houses apart from one cathedral — and certain psychological states has come out very clearly. For one person, buildings can trigger those ecstatic states which seemed to be the basis of many religious conversions. For another, they can cause horror, or can be the setting for premonitions which do in fact prove correct. For a third, the house becomes a lifetime setting, and a hidden guardian of the house works to protect both the house itself and the chosen owner.

In none of these cases does the person experiencing this influence come to any harm; nevertheless the range of experience runs from the spiritual through practical benignity of a rather earthly kind — one can hardly imagine an angel telling one to sell war loan at the top — to the uncomfortable and threatening.

If there are such spiritual influences which become attached to buildings, they seem to run through the scale from good to bad. Nobody can account for these experiences or say exactly what they are, what causes them, or how far they are projections of the mind. They have little evidential value.

Undoubtedly, however, such experiences influence people's lives. In each of these three cases the writer believes that the influence has been positive. One comes back to Hamlet: "There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

Time to bite the tax bullet

Peter Riddell on a political dilemma that will not go away



Kenneth Clarke waffles about it, Gordon Brown anguishes about it and Paddy Ashdown regards it as the greatest dilemma for parties of progress. Taxation remains the most intractable problem of British politics. It is a subject about which virtually everyone — politicians and public alike — dissembles.

The Tories have made taxes a central electoral theme. In 1979, the party exploited the resentment of skilled workers over deductions from pay slips. The Tories have since depicted Labour as the party of high taxes. That was easy as long as Labour tied itself in knots, as it did in 1983 and 1987. In 1992, Labour, and especially John Smith, presented a superficially clever package which loaded higher taxes on to the better-off. But the gains to most people were tiny and the party failed to take account of the aspirations of many in southern England who feared they would pay more tax if they earned more.

The Tories' own record has been patchy. As Nigel Lawson has admitted in his *The View from Number 11*: "The Conservative government of 1979-92 cannot claim to have reduced the burden of tax as a proportion of gross domestic product. The tax take was in fact a couple of percentage points higher in 1991-92 than in 1978-79, the Labour government's last year." The rise was partly to reduce high public borrowing, as is again necessary. The burden has shifted from income tax, notably via a cut in marginal rates, to indirect tax.

Public views have also been ambiguous. Repeated polls have shown a shift in voter preferences. In 1979, opinion was split equally between cutting taxes even at the expense of reductions in government services and additional spending even if it meant some tax increases. By 1983, the balance had shifted to two to one in favour of higher spending and by the end of the decade it was six to one against lower taxes if it meant cuts in services. However, these questions are largely meaningless since nobody is faced with a specific choice on how much their taxes might rise. In practice, apprehension about possible tax increases is often decisive when people make their minds up how to vote. The unchanging magnet of the pay slip rather than changing expressions of altruistic values have sustained the Tory vote.

No politician behaves as if voters will support a party that proposes higher taxes. The partial exception is Mr Ashdown, who claims a favourable response to the Liberal Democrats' election proposal for 1p on income tax to be spent on education. But there is no evidence that this did his party any good. Tory and Labour leaders have gone to any lengths to avoid proposing higher taxes on ordinary families. The current revolt against the extension of VAT on domestic fuel threatens a partial repetition of the poll tax row.

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However, there is apparently inexorable upward pressure on spending on health, social security, education and law and order. The Tory response has been to run fast to stand still: by cutting back public services at the margin, by encouraging more private provision (so far only really of pensions) and by raising revenue from privatisation and higher charges (both nearing their practical limits). In years of strong economic growth, that helps reduce the relative share of public spending in national income. But the underlying share has only dropped slightly over the past decade. Labour has sought to square the circle by talking about the benefits of growth and higher taxes on the rich to pay for expanded services. But that has failed to convince voters.

Both parties are constrained by the public's attachment to the welfare state and by its resistance to higher taxes. At least this restrains the growth of spending and taxes, though it produces a messy balance between the two. In America, even a watered-down version of President Clinton's tax and spending package has just been only narrowly approved by Congress. In Britain, the Tory free-market right wants to break the stalemate on the spending side by targeting benefits and encouraging the affluent majority to make private provision for their welfare needs, as suggested by the No Turning Back group of MPs. Nobody would bet that the present government has the will to do that. Mr Brown has sought to remove the impression that Labour wants to tax people for its own sake by stressing that the party will only tax and spend when, and in ways, that will produce tangible benefits. That begs many questions.

One solution is to reverse the centralisation of decision-making and allow voters a direct say. A recent pamphlet, *Reconnecting Taxation*, by Geoff Mulgan and Robin Murray of Demos, the anti-establishment think-tank, argues that taxes should be related more closely to spending. This includes devolving the power to raise and spend taxes to the lowest possible level of government. To assert democratic control, the authors favour the use of referenda on specific projects, as well as on the overall level of health funding, spelling out the cost to each citizen or, locally, on the level of London transport investment. The Demos authors also suggest the use of hypothecation, that is the earmarking of taxes for specific ends, such as the BBC licence fee.

Greater decentralisation and even direct voter involvement, also floated by Mr Ashdown, could help restore public support for taxes. But there are many pitfalls. For local, or even national, referenda to work, there has to be a broad and deep tax base, unlike the old rates. Most voters have to feel the direct financial impact of their decisions, which was the aim, if not the result, of the poll tax. Hypothecation is essentially a cop-out, which could muddle rather than clarify decisions. Politicians themselves have to take responsibility, and win popular support, for decisions on the overall level of spending and on its allocation.

Lamont primed

NO WONDER there was a sharp intake of breath in Downing Street when Norman Lamont hinted that the time was not right yet to discuss the handling of Britain's withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM). The former chancellor proposes to shed more light on the events leading up to Black Wednesday at the Tory conference in October.

Party leaders have been fearing the worst since Lamont, who was on the warpath about the ERM on *The World This Weekend* on Radio 4 yesterday, dropped his first hint about his intentions in a letter to *The Times* last week. A Lamont speech in the highly charged atmosphere of the Blackpool conference could be dynamite. The air will be thick with the sound of old scores being settled, according to Lamont's friends.

He has accepted an invitation to address the Bow Group fringe meeting, which is one of the most high-profile gatherings of the week. It is a significant choice. The Bow Group, founded in the 1950s by Lord Howe, the former foreign secretary, has the support of more than 100 MPs. One of its best known members is Sir Norman Fowler, the Tory chairman, who will be appalled by the invitation.

Lamont, in his letter to *The Times*, made clear that criticism of the way the ERM withdrawal was handled should be directed at John Major, not him. The same view repeated in Blackpool could cause bitter, and public, recriminations.

It is all a far cry from Lamont's big speech on the conference fringe at Brighton last year. He was the star turn at the meeting organised by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and he waxed lyrical about his other passion, ornithology.

● *As if John Major did not have enough problems. T-shirts are being printed for the conference by Scottish Tory activists bearing the immortal message: Don't let the bastards get you down, John.*

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Brief encounter

SIR Graham Hills, a Scottish governor of the BBC, has got his knickers in a twist. Literally. Hills, the former principal and vice-chancellor of Strathclyde University, has taken *The Economist* to task over the delicate subject of men's Y-front underpants.

Hills objects to the way the magazine included, in an article about Marks & Spencer, a line drawing of a pair of Y-front underpants with the label clearly displayed at the back. "You should know (and it is no small matter) that the label is in fact on the right-hand side, there to act as a minor irritant to those who wear their pants inside their vests rather than the other way round," he wrote.

"I have tried without success to persuade M & S to return the offending label to where it once was. There it rested happily against the small of the back where, even for the fattest of us, there is always space for the label." Hills has even taken up the issue in a face-to-face meeting with Clinton Silver, the M & S managing director. To no avail. Silver obviously doesn't wear his inside his vest.



Peas are off

THE prime minister's favourite food, frozen peas, may be off the menu at Chequers by the time he returns from his holiday at the end of the month. His chef, Alan Lavender, is flying to Paris, not noted for Happy Eaters, to refine his culinary skills.

Lavender is joining the exclusive *Club des chefs des Chefs* — members work for heads of state or royalty — on a four-day trip to the five-star Crillon Hotel in Paris. They will be guests of Joel Norman, chef to President Mitterrand, who is staging a cocktail party at the Elysée Palace.

Having swapped recipes, they will fly to Morocco for a short holiday as guests of King Hassan. Curried goat, a Moroccan speciality, could replace the frozen peas.

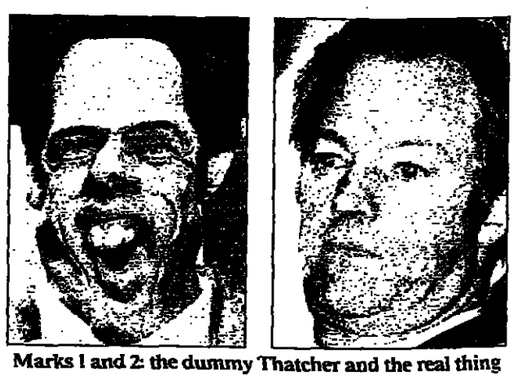
● *The publishers of the Hansard Society parliamentary handook had trouble keeping up with the controversies which have beset the government. The book's guide to the most contentious Commons votes in the last parliament excludes the most controversial of them all: the confidence vote, the Maastricht division, which the government won on the casting vote of the Speaker, and the one it lost 15 minutes later.*

In the family

ANOTHER member of the Gilbey family has become embroiled in controversy. Emma, cousin of James, of "Squidgy" tape infamy, has run into legal difficulties with her unauthorised biography of Winnie Mandela. Gilbey's book, *The Lady: the Life and Times of Winnie Mandela*, accuses the subject of dubious judgment and questionable acts.

Which could be why the lawyers at the publishers Jonathan Cape have delayed publication. Gilbey covered the trial of Winnie, when she was accused of being involved in the death of Stompie Moeketsi, for a South African newspaper.

The pre-publicity says: "This is a tragic account of how a victim of oppression came to abuse the power she wielded herself." Which may explain the lawyers' interest.



Marks 1 and 2: the dummy Thatcher and the real thing

An image of trouble

Mark Thatcher, a pet hate of the Labour party, has caused a split in opposition ranks. Well, his *Spitting Image* rubber doll has.

St Ives Labour party was given the dummy in 1985 to auction for striking miners. But the strike ended before it could be sold and the member who secured the donation left the local party.

An extraordinary eight-year battle to prove its ownership came to a head last week when Eddie Seymour, the constituency secretary, received a court summons referring to the dummy Mark Thatcher. "I thought it was a joke, but I had to give it up or pay £200. Mark Thatcher is not worth that much."

Seymour was glad to get rid of it. "The Thatchers have been causing problems for the Labour party for years."

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LATIN AMERICAN PROMISE

Social justice is an essential companion to economic growth

Latin America, home of the debt crisis of the 1980s, is once again the darling of the international financial markets, and in contrast to the ill-fated love affairs of the 1930s and 1970s, the new relationship shows promise of evolving into stable matrimony. Latin America's own rich share in the new optimism about the region: whereas much of the money poured into the region by Western commercial banks flowed straight out again into offshore accounts, that flight capital is now returning. And this time much of the foreign capital is underpinning real growth, rather than unsustainable budget deficits and hyper-inflationary policies.

The reforms forced on Latin American governments after Mexico's threatened default in 1982 burst the debt bubble have been painful, above all for the poor. But although incomes plummeted and economies shrank across the region, the 1980s, far from being the "lost decade", saw an astonishing flowering of political and economic freedoms. Although paramilitary squads still mock human rights in countries such as Guatemala, the military have returned to barracks; and from Chile to Mexico, governments have cut their budgets and started the reform of state finances, privatised swathes of inefficient companies and services, cut subsidies and lowered the barriers to trade.

The results are dramatic. Chile and Uruguay have recorded two straight years of around 6 per cent economic growth. Argentina, seemingly incurably sick only two years ago, is doing as well — and has reduced its legendary hyper-inflation to a manageable 0.3 per cent a month. Instead of going to war over the Falklands, President Menem's government dreams of becoming so prosperous that the islanders will be unable to resist the attractions of union. Even in corrupt and hyper-inflationary Brazil the new economic reform programme, the 11th in a decade, is finally cutting into the subsidies that feed corruption.

Democracy is struggling to put down solid roots after decades of military dictatorship; institutions such as the judiciary are weak, and politicians apt to line their pockets. Yet for all Colombia's enduring and well-advertised battle with its drug barons, when President Gaviria came to Britain last month he too had an economic success story for potential investors. Across the region, formerly ultra-protectionist governments are rapidly establishing regional common markets and, their adversarial relationship with Uncle Sam largely forgotten, hammering for admission to the new North American Free Trade Agreement.

Two factors could jeopardise these extraordinary achievements. The first is Western protectionism, of which the European Community's outrageous decision — backed by Britain — to impose tight quotas and punitive tariffs on Latin American bananas is only the most recent example. For Britain, failure of Gatt's Uruguay Round would be an economic disaster; but for Latin America, it would be a blow that threatened democracy.

The second is a popular backlash against reforms if the poor fail to benefit. Income disparities in Latin America are glaring, and destabilising. Out of a total population of 480 million, the United Nations estimates that 196 million live in dire poverty. The World Bank, which is lending record sums to the region, worries that unless efforts to tackle poverty go hand in hand with free market reforms, voters will revert to populists who promise the old false panaceas of subsidies and state intervention.

Both growth and democracy can be sustained only if governments provide basic social services and give the poor a stake. However logical that may sound in Europe, in a continent tearing itself out of recession and accustomed to terrible social inequality, such doctrines are dangerously far from gaining acceptance with its prosperous, relatively tiny, élites. But if Latin America is not to revert to the "boom and doom" cycles of the past, the 1990s must be made the decade of social justice as well as rapid growth.

CAUTION PAYS THE THIEF

Scolding is insufficient punishment for organised theft

Any criminal justice system must have a clear basis in common sense if it is to command public confidence. The decision by Reading police to caution rather than prosecute a gang of teenagers who stole bicycles worth more than £20,000 was an affront to common sense, which will merely bolster popular suspicions that the legal system favours the offender. It reveals a flaw in official procedure that the forthcoming Criminal Justice Bill must address.

Cautioning is a sensible means of communicating society's anger to first-time offenders whose actions are too petty to trouble the courts. Informal cautions, which cannot be cited in court, are typically administered to juveniles who have bought cigarettes under age or stolen sweets. In more serious circumstances, formal cautions are given by uniformed inspectors, on condition that the offender has admitted the offence and that there is enough evidence for a reasonable prospect of conviction.

The Home Office claims that more than 80 per cent of those cautioned are not reconvicted within two years. But at its margins — with more serious offences and repeat offenders — this system of admonitory punishment works much less effectively. The nine 15-year-olds in Reading had been stealing bicycles systematically for more than seven months, and had an efficient inventory and storage depot. They should have been prosecuted for theft. Yet local police officers followed Home Office policy and let off the teenagers with a caution.

These regulations, which have never been put on a statutory basis, have failed to clarify the circumstances in which a caution is appropriate. Of those aged 14 to 16 who were found guilty or cautioned in 1991, 88 per cent were cautioned in Kent, compared to only 54 per cent in Durham. This level of regional inconsistency suggests the worst kind of bureaucratic muddle: a system which is both centralised and unclear in its provisions.

The role of cautioning should be to nip the criminal character in the bud as speedily as possible rather than to limit the costs of the legal and penal system. There is alarming evidence that far too many juvenile offenders are being given multiple cautions, promoting a scorn for the law amongst the most hard-bitten teenage criminals. No offender should be given more than two such warnings. Nor should all offenders be given a second chance. Where the young criminal is engaged in organised theft, the caution is a completely inadequate response. When a crime of this sort has been committed, it is too late for a deterrent.

Michael Howard, the home secretary, should now tackle these problems in legislation. The introduction of cautions linked to community work — so-called "caution-plus" — might be a step forward. But the more urgent need is for clear national guidelines on cautioning which would also put a ceiling on the number of cautions an individual could receive before prosecution. Above all, Mr Howard must ensure that cautioning cannot be used in cases where formal punishment in court is clearly expected by the public — such as the theft of goods worth £20,000. After the farce of the last Criminal Justice Act, the government must now prove that its aim is to cut crime as well as costs.

CANDLES IN A NAUGHTY WORLD

Lighthouse keepers are redundant, but their example shines on

Progress is both desirable and inevitable, but something of value is usually lost in the process. The announcement by the annual review of the Trinity House lighthouse service that lighthouse keepers have become redundant and will be replaced with new technology by the end of the century will alarm only obstinately Luddite or technosceptically timid ancient mariners. Radar, lonar and other shipboard navigation devices have greatly reduced the need for watchmen. In matters of life and death at sea, reliability and accuracy are more important than traditions, however ancient.

However, in the way that Gutenberg's handset movable type looks prettier than photocomposition, and harvesting by stook and pitchfork was more sociable and thriftier than by combine harvester, for many centuries lighthouse keepers have been symbols of order in a world of stormy chaos. Maintaining beacon fires on shipwrecking and widow-making parts of the coast, originally done by pagan priests, was one of the first recorded disinterested acts by man. Those early lighthouses brought no profit, cost their beneficiaries nothing, and were freely available to all travellers.

Lighthouse keepers became the world's symbols of solitary heroism as well as philanthropy. Few, especially in the modern world that worships mass community and has ceased to admire hermits, envied their monotonous and idle lives of isolation, above the waves crashing on the most inhospitable rocks on earth. But from Grace Darling and her less famous father, William, to Sostratus of Cnidus, who built his huge lighthouse on the island of Pharos in the harbour of Alexandria as a wonder of the world and an eponym for all future lighthouses, they have become maritime legends. The names of the lighthouses themselves, from Eddystone to Bell Rock and Skerryvore to Longstone and Wolf Rock, are potent spells of danger and relief.

In her best novel, Virginia Woolf made a lighthouse a symbol of order in psychological chaos, and stability in a world made tempestuous by the tyrannies of the past: "Something is immune from change, and shines out in the face of the flowing, the fleeting, the spectral, like a ruby."

Not even lighthouses are immune from change. And solar power is technically an improvement on electricity, which was in turn an improvement on coal and candles, which used to blacken the panes of glass needed to protect the fires from wind and water. But it is going to take a bit of time to adjust to computer programmers being adequate replacements for lighthouse keepers as the archetypes of strong, solitary, sex-starved and selfless heroes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Veils over splendour of Pope's delayed encyclical

From Mr Phil Allen

Sir, Your leading article of August 6 on *Veritatis Splendor* ("The Splendour of Truth"), the Pope's now delayed encyclical (report, August 7), draws the obvious parallel with the "stark prohibitions" of the 1968 encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* ("On Human Life").

Yet, astonishing as it may be to many, there was not a single statement of belief in *Humanae Vitae* which was new: it was simply a reiteration of Roman Catholic moral doctrine, of at least well over a thousand years.

Pope St Gregory the Great, writing in AD 597 to St Augustine with instructions on how we in these isles should live our lives, declared:

Lawful intercourse should be for the procreation of offspring, and not for mere pleasure; to obtain children, and not to satisfy lust ... when lust takes the place of desire for children, the mere act of union becomes something that the pair have cause to regret.

As a recent convert to the Church, Dr William Oddie, points out in the August 1 issue of The Universe, the real point is that

Humanae Vitae is a good test case. For actually being a Catholic gives one the capacity to understand, more and more, that the Church's moral laws are not a convenient means of getting through this life, but a preparation for the life of the world to come. And they cannot be obeyed with our own unaided strength.

The Roman Catholic Church, is either the One True Church, established by Christ nearly 2,000 years ago, infallible in its teachings, or else it is simply a fraud and a fake. One must make up one's own mind on this.

No one is forced to be a Catholic — it is a free choice. But if it is the genuine article it is both useless and evil trying to change it; and it is pointless to be in it at all if it is but a fraud and a fake.

Sincerely,
PHIL ALLEN (General Secretary, Associated Catholic Traditionalists),
14 North Devon Road,
Fishponds, Bristol, Avon.
August 7.

From Mrs K.C. McDonald

Sir, Gerard Noel's memory serves him badly (letter, August 4). The pre-*Humanae Vitae* papal commission on birth control was appointed to give advice on methods of contraception, not on basic Catholic teaching

Though it is difficult to understand why Cardinal Heenan saw the 1968 encyclical as a "bombshell", as Mr Noel alleges, he did in fact pray in his pastoral letter of August 4, 1986, that all Catholics would come to accept its teaching. The majority report of the commission did not "rely on solidly Roman Catholic moral principles". Pope Paul made that clear in the introduction to his letter.

The encyclical does *not* "ban contraception". The Pope has no authority to do so. What he did was to teach that it is contrary to the law of God and the Roman Catholic Church.

And when John Henry Newman envisaged his after-dinner toast "to Conscience first and to the Pope afterwards", he was referring to a conscientious right to reject the Pope's political views, not his moral teaching.

Yours faithfully,
KAY McDONALD,
16 St Mary Court,
Church Road,
Faversham, Kent.
August 5.

From Mr Christopher Derrick

Sir, It is grossly unhistorical of Gerard Noel to apply the word "original" to *Humanae Vitae*. The central doctrine of that encyclical is ancient, and was held by all Christians until recently, as by many others. Mr Noel will find it taken for granted in Chaucer (*The Parson's Tale*) and in Freud, to name only two.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER DERRICK,
6 St Michael's Road,
Wallington, Surrey.
August 4.

From Dr John F. Healey

Sir, Peter Worden and Robert Nowell (letters, August 4) hit the nail on the head in pointing out that many Roman Catholics regard *Humanae Vitae* not as expressing an unattainable ideal but as " simply wrong" in declaring artificial contraception as "intrinsically evil".

It follows that the real crisis for those, including myself, who hold this view would come if the new encyclical were to claim to be an infallible *ex cathedra* pronouncement on the matter.

Fortunately this is unlikely, since none of the proper conditions for *infallible statements* (reiteration of the constant teaching of the Church, decision of an ecumenical council, consensus of the faithful, positive reception of *Humanae Vitae* by the *faithful*) obtain.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. HEALEY,
5 Vicarage Lane
Hayfield, Derbyshire.

From Ms Elizabeth Flynn

Sir, I wonder on what Ruth Gledhill (report, July 29) bases the assumption that *Veritatis Splendor might* "lead to the defection of millions world-wide."

Since the publication of *Humanae Vitae* the position of the Church has not moved.

What is new is the increasingly wide gulf between the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and the "if it *feels right for you, it's okay" morality* propounded by the world around us.

Liberals within the Church might well be arguing that vast numbers might be driven from the fold if it does not adopt a more pragmatic attitude. But the reverse is much more likely to be true. A church that promotes palatable, secular and politically correct teaching is a church in decline.

Yours truly,
ELIZABETH FLYNN,
17 Probyn House,
Page Street, SW1.

From Father Tony Clements

Sir, As you report today ("Pope's ruling 'will stem C of E exodus' "), disaffected Anglicans looking Romewards may well be deterred by *Veritatis Splendor*. However, the appeal of the Eastern Orthodox Church will surely be enhanced, since it combines a steadfast respect for the traditional faith with a generous and sympathetic spirit concerning contraception, marriage and divorce.

My 50 or so Anglican priest colleagues in the Pilgrimage to Orthodoxy group who are planning to seek a Western Rite Orthodox home in the next few months (report, June 26) stand ready to welcome more pilgrims aboard.

Yours faithfully,
TONY CLEMENTS,
26 Chapel Road,
Terrington St Clement,
King's Lynn,
Norfolk.
August 6.

From Mr Norman Cresswell

Sir, Fortunately, Peter's rock is still firm. It is a rock which will not temporise; a rock on to which Catholics, with varying degrees of success, clamber for eternal rather than contemporary safety.

Before condemning either the Pope or the *magisterium* (his teaching authority) we should, in fairness, wait for a full sight of the promised encyclical and then, and only then, in a full context, make a judgment.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN CRESSWELL
(Editor, *Catholic Pictorial*, 1962-88),
The Paddock,
30 Hall Road East,
Blundellsands,
Liverpool 23.
August 6.

London's need for all its orchestras

From Sir Peter Maxwell Davies

Sir, So the Arts Council plans to provide funds for two orchestras only in London (letters, July 14 and 30), pretending that such "streamlining" ensures us of the best standards in the world — a familiar obfuscation, masking a brutal slashing of funds.

Perhaps, similarly, we should only have the opportunity to hear the "best" singers, only commission the "best" composers, employ the "best" chamber ensembles, opera companies, pianists?

No! It is exactly the diverse multiplicity of talent available that makes London the world's musical capital, ensuring a fine pool of musicians within a vibrant and varied musical culture.

Musicians are attracted to leading world centres. That is why so many musicians from overseas still settle in London, to our benefit — just as Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms settled in Vienna. London's orchestras travel the world as our ambassadors. Their records sell world-wide, and any one of them is as good as any in the world.

To constitute a valid musical culture there must surely be room not only for super-stars but for excellent musicians at all levels. With all due respect to super-star orchestras, such as Cleveland's and Chicago's, each provides its audience with a repertoire no wider than that of the London orchestras, with fewer opportunities for tastes to be widened. Theoir programmes are determined by one management only.

I recently directed a Festival Hall performance and commercial compact-disc recording of a notoriously difficult work of mine, *Worldes Blis*, with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The quality of that orchestra's musicianship, the skill and sheer quickness of understanding by its musicians, were without parallel: I was deeply moved and grateful, and all the more appalled to realise that the appointed guardians of our culture are poised, in all probability, to stab these musicians in the back.

Until today there was a friendly rivalry between our orchestras. Now the government's practice of pitting groups within the community against each other to fight for their very survival, has been extended to music. The divisiveness, immorality and sheer insensitivity of applying these "market forces" is obvious.

What has been achieved by these orchestras achieved, with minimum government help, is too glorious to be besmirched by dogmas as demeaning and disrespectful of human values as anything dreamt up by the communists. Officials and accountants should not be allowed to destroy the very fabric of our culture and our civilisation, for the flimsiest and most short-sighted cost-cutting reasons.

It takes decades to build an orchestra — and the stroke of an official's pen to destroy it.

Yours etc,
PETER MAXWELL DAVIES,
Rackwick, Hoy, Orkney.
August 2.

Arts 'paperchase'

From Sir Richard Luce

Sir, Simon Mundy ("Paper chase leads nowhere", Arts, July 29), writing on his departure as director of the National Campaign for the Arts, suggests that I retired as minister for the arts in 1990 because my government colleagues showed a lack of interest in the arts.

He fails to recall the expansion in resources for the arts in those years. There were two keys to success. First, the economy was expanding and the government made more money available for the arts. Secondly, the arts organisations were responding vigorously to incentive and partnership funding. Audiences and sponsorship were increasing. Central and local authorities were playing a full part in the growing partnership between the public and private sectors.

The recession has changed that, for the time being, and has created a tough climate for the arts, as for everybody else. Audiences and taxpayers' support have declined. However, the path to partnership and expansion must resume as the economy improves.

Mr Mundy then attacks the bureaucracy in devolving decisions about taxpayers' support for the arts to the regions. I am convinced that it was right to follow through the Wilding report recommendation that the Arts Council should delegate more of the decision-making on the distribution of taxpayers' money to the existing regional arts boards, which are more knowledgeable about the arts in their own regions.

There is no justification for more expenditure, complexity or bureaucracy in this process and the onus is on arts organisations to ensure minimum administration costs.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LUCE
(Vice-Chancellor),
University of Buckingham,
Buckingham, MK18 1EG.
July 30.

Bosnia air strikes

From Mr G.B. Miller

Sir, Has there been a secret agreement between the US and the EC to ignore the boycott on arms supplies to the Bosnians? It certainly seems so. On two occasions on August 4 I heard reporters in Bosnia saying that the capture by the Serbs of Mount Igman and the Zuc hill would pose no danger to humanitarian supply routes but would cut the vital route along which the Bosnians were getting their arms and ammunition supplies.

Yesterday you quoted "Washington" as saying that air attacks on the Bosnian Serbs should be triggered by, among other things, blockades of land supply routes to Sarajevo and interference with humanitarian relief convoys. Does this not also confirm that the US is aware of supplies other than humanitarian being transported into Sarajevo?

The devastatingly successful attacks by the Bosnians on the Croats in the past weeks must surely mean they have received reinforcements of weapons and/or ammunition. Could this occur unless the EC, Nato and the USA were turning a blind eye to illicit weapon and arms supplies entering the country? Mr Hurd has said repeatedly that the lifting of the arms embargo would simply provide a level killing field; has he changed his mind?

There are a lot of questions to be answered before air power is used; Britain should veto any air strikes.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. MILLER,
68 Adisham Green,
Sittingbourne, Kent.

Beating the jams

From Mr Terence Bendixson

Sir, Mr Stuart Black, of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, suggests (letter, July 26) that road tolls and, in cities, congestion charges promise to relieve us of traffic jams.

If he is correct, how can the government persuade drivers to pay for what they have long regarded as "free"? Ministers can, of course, sweeten the pill by levying charges that start low. No doubt, too, they will see the sense of initially charging for congestion in limited parts of cities, or even on particular roads.

There is the further possibility of charges being collected electronically by apparatus that might also be designed to give useful information. Drivers could be told the shortest routes to their destinations, where best to park and ride, how to avoid roadworks and so on. Such information could reduce congestion and be the political key to tolls and charges.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE BENDIXSON,
39 Elm Park Gardens, SW10.

Marsh Arabs' plight

From Miss Emma Nicholson, MP for Devon West and Torridge (Conservative)

Sir, There will be great support for the letter (August 2) from the acting ambassador of Kuwait. Iraq's aggression against his country continues.

In addition, your correspondent Tom Rhodes, in his article on the same day ("Saddam hounds Shias to deadly last refuge"), paints a moving picture of the agonies of the marsh Arabs. In the midst of so much oppression and physical assault on minorities it is vital that their plight is remembered.

All international and national aid agencies should provide as much humanitarian help as possible and governments which acted together for the preservation of Kuwait should do all they can to secure the survival of the marsh Arabs on lines similar to the actions safeguarding the Kurds.

Yours sincerely,
EMMA NICHOLSON
(Chairman, The Amar Appeal),
House of Commons.
August 2.

At royal convenience

From Mr David Lindsay

Sir, I don't believe it. Three years after the House of Lords ruled that it was unlawful to use the sexually discriminatory state pension age as an eligibility criterion for concessionary charges, you report today that the Palace is offering a £2.50 concessionary discount to "OAPs".

If they can't observe the law at the top, is it any wonder that so many lesser institutions are still breaking it? And how is "OAP" applied to foreign visitors, anyway?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LINDSAY
(Legal Adviser, Campaign for Equal State Pension Ages),
36 Orchard Coombe,
Whitchurch Hill, Reading, Berkshire.
August 7.

From Mrs Giles Playfair

Sir, Surely it is not beyond British enterprise to come up with suitably elegant portable lavatories to serve the queues outside Buckingham Palace — the Windsor Castle Commemorative Closet (WCCC?), say, or even the Waterloo Chamber?

Meanwhile, or alternatively, existing Portaloos could be covered with the ubiquitous, fast-growing Russian Vine.

Yours etc,
ANN PLAYFAIR,
126 Cranbrook Road, W4.

Professional standards

From Mr J. O. Kilby

Sir, The Sheehy report, like other sweeping changes proposed for the professions, generally represents an attempt to grip the slippery mystique of the professional ethos, to control it and to make it more accountable. To relate pay to performance is part of the suggested process.

Excellence in the professional workplace has to do with skills and attitudes established *before* the appointment. A musician's performance will be just as good if he plays in the street for a few coins, or for a large fee in the concert hall. If the best people are selected for the job and given the best training, excellence follows.

This is what professionalism is about. Pay does not figure in the equation. The focus is on the job, and it is a discourtesy to suggest that a true professional will perform better for a salary increase.

Business management skills and professional skills are both required. They have, however, intrinsic differences that are difficult to blend in one individual. Pressure to dress professionals up as business people may draw the wrong sort of recruit into the professions.

For the mind to be absorbed with the task in hand, rather than its financial implications, may in business terms be seen as a weakness. For those who put out fires, protect us from crime, teach our children and carry out our operations, such an approach is still seen, not only as a strength but as essential to the quality and nature of the work.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN KILBY,
10 Harley Street, W1.
August 2.

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Weather wisdom

From Mr Ivar Aanderaa

Sir, As a contribution to the debate on meteorology in your columns (letters, July 31), I should like to add that forecasting never can make actual weather observations unnecessary.

These days observations can be done by automatic weather stations that can present the data over the telephone by use of speech.

Just dial 010 47 57 5 9826 for the weather at Stad, the westernmost point of Norway — in English.

Yours faithfully,
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HMY BRITANNIA
August 7: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended the State Funeral of King Baudouin of the Belgians which was held in St Michael's Cathedral, Brussels, this morning.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Isaac Walton, author of *The Compleat Angler*, Stafford, 1593; Thomas Telford, road, bridge and canal builder, Westerkirk, Dumfries, 1757; George Payne James, novelist, London, 1799; Joseph Locke, civil engineer, Attercliffe, Yorkshire, 1805; Jean Piaget, child psychologist, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, 1896; Philip Larkin, poet, Coventry, 1922.

DEATHS: Andrew Combe, physiologist, Edinburgh, 1847; Frederick Marryat, novelist, Langham, Norfolk, 1848; Sir Edward Frankland, chemist, Golaa, Norway, 1899; Ruggiero Leoncavallo, composer, Montecatini Ferme, Italy, 1919; Ernst Haeckel, naturalist, Jena, Germany, 1919; Sir Bernard Partridge, artist and cartoonist, London, 1945; Hermann Hesse, poet and novelist, Montagnold, Switzerland, 1962; Dmitri Shostakovich, composer, Moscow, 1975.

An atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki by the Americans, 1945. Gerald Ford became the 37th American President, 1974.

University news

Stirling

Recent research grants include:

Professor R Richards / D S Adams, Institute of Aquaculture, £68,464 from the European Economic Community for studies of fish pasteurellosis with particular reference to diagnosis.

Dr D Robertson, Housing Policy and Practice Unit, £107,528 from Scottish Homes for a review of the impact of housing action areas for improvement in achieving area regeneration.

Professor J R Sargent / Dr S George / Dr M Lever / Dr P Tytler, School of Natural Sciences, £190,728 from the Natural Environment Research Council for the Inter-University Marine Research Initiative (IMRI) on temperature change and marine organisms.

Professor K J Turner, Computing Science and Mathematics, £32,854 from the Science and Engineering Research Council for Formosa formalisation of ODP systems architecture.

Luncheon

Anglo-Jewish Association

The President of the AJA, Mr Fred Tuckman, was host at a luncheon on Friday for Mr Hiroki Sugihara, who has established a Memorial Foundation to honour his father. The late Sempo Sugihara was Japanese Vice-Consul to Lithuania in 1940, providing transit visas for 6,000 Jews against his government's instructions. The guests included Mr Takahashi, Mr Hiramatsu, Judge Israel Finestein, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Mr C.N. Nathan, Chairman, CCJO (UN NGO).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines

Commodore N.R. Essenhigh to be promoted Rear-Admiral and to be Hydrographer of the Navy and Chief Executive, Hydrographic Office Defence Agency in succession to Rear Admiral J.A.L. Myres in February 1994.

CAPTAIN: C.M. Denes - MOD London 29.10.93

COLONEL: C.G.H. Dunlop - HQRM 21.4.94

COMMANDER: R.A.S.Adams - Staff of FOSM Fasiane 11.2.94; M.B. Alabaster - MOD London 15.10.93; G.A. Ancliffe - Drake 14.1.94; I.G. Cochrane - Intrepid 7.12.93; C.M. Cole - Raleigh 22.10.93; C.D. Craddock - Staff of CINCFLEET 31.5.94; I.B. Cunnison - MOD Bath 1.2.94; M.E.L. Graves - MOD Portland 3.9.93; R.E.D. House - JFOS Wilton 29.1.94; M.G. Lane - MOD London 30.11.93; R.W. Mason - MOD Bath 21.1.94; A.D.H. Mathews - MOD Bath 19.11.93; M.I. Redman - MOD Bath 1.10.93; R.M. Simmonds - JSDC Greenwich 10.9.93

SURGEON COMMANDER: R.T. Jolly - HQRM 7.12.93 (in rank of A/Surg Capt)

CHAPLAIN: J.K. Watson - Raleigh 17.12.93

Retirements

CAPTAIN: M.A. Purvis - 1.9.93

COMMANDER: B.R. Coward - 17.10.93; M.H. Rhodes 17.10.93; O.P. Vaid 11.10.93; R.P. Waller 14.10.93; M.R. Garstang 16.10.93

The Army

BRIGADIERS: C.L. Elliott - to MOD, 10.8.93. A.P. Ridgway - to be Comd 7 Armd Bde, 9.8.93.

COLONEL: D.P. Belcher - to SHAPE, 13.8.93; C.M. Mayers late QARANC - to RHQ QARANC 23.8.93

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: A.G. Chalmers REME - to SEME, 9.8.93; D.W. Dobson R SIGNALS - to Royal Vict Hosp NETLEY, 9.8.93; K.A. Hills RE - to RE Diving Est RSME, 10.8.93; D. Maddison REME - to BLO Post USA, 13.8.93; T.J.B. Sinclair RA - to be CO Glasgow and S'Clyde UOTC, 13.8.93; J.E. Thomas R SIGNALS - to be CO 30 Sig Regt, 9.8.93; J.B. Kennedy QARANC - to HQ Wales & W District - 23.8.93; P.M. Watson QARANC - to QEMH, 23.8.93.

Retirements

COLONELS: M.T. Cook Late 10 GR, 14.8.93; I.A.N. Croft late RE(SVY) 12.8.93

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: T.I. Jenner - to HQSTC 9.8.93

GROUP CAPTAIN: R.J. Horwood - to CTTO 6.8.93; D.J.G. Wilby - to RAF Finningley 6.8.93.

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The following have been elected officers of the Pewterers' Company for the ensuing year:

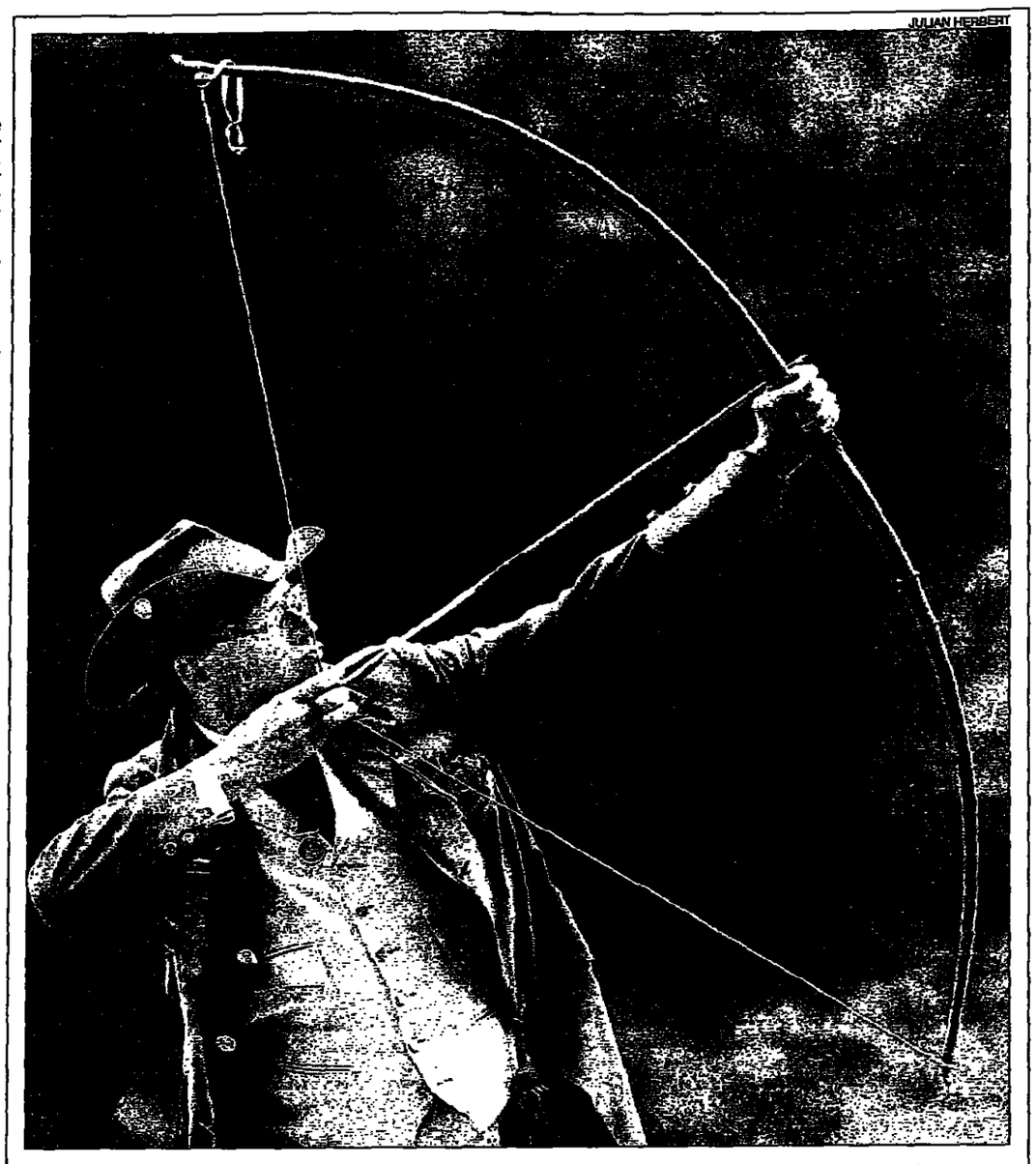
Master, Sir Frank Layfield, QC; Upper Warden, Mr P.S. Johnson; Renter Warden, Dr J.D. Campling.

Latest wills

Robert James **Adley**, of London SW1, Conservative MP for Christchurch and Lymington, left estate valued at £275,871 net.

Professor Albert Louis **Latner**, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Biochemistry at Newcastle University, left estate valued at £392,104 net.

He left £5,000 each to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and the British Friends of the Hebrew University, London.



JULIAN HERBERT

Simon William-Thomas takes aim in one of the more arcane events of the sporting calendar — the Woodmen of Arden's Bugle. The woodmen, an 80-strong band of archers founded in 1785, gather four times a year, resplendent in green tailcoats, for events that are both sporting and social occasions. On Saturday, they converged on Meriden, West Midlands, and after a traditional breakfast of bread, cheese and beer, took up their yew bows to compete for the Silver Bugle. The day's winner, with the most "ends", was Charles Hunter, shooting over a distance of 11 score (220 yards).

Marriages

Commander R.W. Bell Davies, RN,
and Miss P.E. Rucker

A service of blessing was held on Saturday at Holy Trinity, Wonston, Hampshire, after the marriage of Commander Richard Bell Davies, son of Vice-Admiral Sir Lancelot and Lady Bell Davies, of Sarisbury, Hampshire, to Miss Prudence Rucker, eldest daughter of the late J.P.C. Rucker and of Mrs H.C. Moule, and stepdaughter of Mr H.C. Moule, of Compton Abbas, Dorset. The Rev A. Jardine officiated.

Mr D.T. German
and Miss R. Allbury

The marriage took place at St Peters and St Pauls, Ash-cum-Ridley, Kent, on Saturday, August 7, between Mr David Terence German, son of Mr and Mrs T. German, of the City of London, and Miss Rebecca Allbury, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Allbury, of New Ash Green, Kent.

The reception was held at Rowhill Grange, Wilmington, Kent, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.F. Sanderson
and Miss G. Cichello

The marriage took place on Saturday at St George's Anglican Church, East Ivanhoe, Victoria, Australia, between Mr John F. Sanderson, son of Mr and Mrs J. Sanderson, of Peterlee, Co Durham, and Miss Giuseppina Cichello, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Cichello, of Melbourne, Victoria. The Rev Noël Whale officiated and the honeymoon will be spent on The Great Barrier Reef.

Mr M.A. Stephens
and Miss C.J. Alyn Stacey

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 7, at St Mary Magdalene, Cobham, Kent, between Mr Michael Stephens, son of Mr and Mrs James Stephens, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire, and Miss Catherine Alyn Stacey, elder daughter of Mrs Hilda Alyn Stacey, of Rochester, Kent. Canon Michael Howard officiated.

The bride, who offered herself in marriage, was attended by Miss Sophie Barnwell and Miss Constance Mackenzie. Mr Neil Thompson was best man.

A reception was held at Cobham Hall and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.D. Sullivan
and Miss L.A. Burton

The marriage took place on Sunday, August 8, 1993, at the United Nations Chapel, New York City, of Mr Jonathan Sullivan to Miss Lesley Ann Burton.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.R.F. Anderson
and Miss J.J. Krarup

The engagement is announced between Erik, son of the late Mr George Anderson and of Mrs Evelyn Sherman, of Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire, and Jette, daughter of Michael Krarup, of Ulverscroft, Leicestershire, and Mrs Winty Thornton, of Galashiels, Selkirk.

Mr A.M.O.De R. Channer
and Miss A.S.M. Bolton

The engagement is announced between Aidan, only son of the late Mr Frank De R. Channer and of Mrs Maire Channer, of Ampleforth and Teddington, and Antonia, elder daughter of Mr Tony Bolton and Mrs Susan Bolton, of Eversholt, Bedfordshire.

Dr T.A.P. Greeves
and Miss E.A. Stanbrook

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr Patrick Greeves and the late Mrs Greeves, of Yelverton, Devon, and Elisabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Stanbrook, of Brixham, Devon.

Mr N.I. McKinley
and Miss J.A. North

The engagement is announced between Nigel, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter McKinley, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Jennifer, youngest daughter of Mr Roy North, of Dartington, Devon, and Mrs Sylvia North, of Mevagissey, Cornwall.

Lord North
and Miss M.C. Desvaux de Marigny

The engagement is announced between Piers, only son of Edward the Earl of Guilford and Vere the late Countess of Guilford, of Waldershare Park, Dover, Kent, and Michèle, daughter of the late Mr Gilbert Desvaux de Marigny, of Curepipe, Mauritius, and of Mrs Diana Story, of Durban, South Africa.

Battlefields Trust

The annual conference of The Battlefields Trust was held in York at the weekend. Sir John Stokes was made Chairman of Trustees.

Archaeology

Soil study tells tale of flood devastation

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY 2,000 years of wet English weather have been documented by a 25ft deep hole in the centre of York. Dug to accommodate a pumping station to help control flooding, the sediments tell a tale of Roman, Saxon and medieval floods, some clearly devastating in the amount of muck that they left behind.

The bore hole has also brought archaeologists and environmental scientists together: the numerous objects found enable any episode of flooding to be dated to within 50 years or less, and enabled the climatic history of eastern England to be written with a precision unobtainable with radiocarbon dating.

"We're getting all the events of the Ouse, and how people tried to cope with the river through time," said Rhona Finlayson of the York Archaeological Trust. "We have found the first Roman waterfronts, of timber and then stone, and a succession of wicker revetments from the 8th century onwards." Until now York's early river walls have been elusive, the new finds suggest that some of the constructions may have matched those along the Thames in the City of London.

One thick flood deposit overlies the Roman walls, and several other big floods left their mark in following centuries. Dr Mark Macklin of Newcastle University has been able to detect many lesser episodes also, which he believes reflect the first large-scale deforestation of the Ouse watershed in late Iron Age and Roman times.

As cultivation grew in the favourable climatic conditions of the Middle Ages, there may have been a consequent increase in run-off of rainwater and soil erosion.

The York excavation fits neatly into the LOIS (land/ocean interaction studies) programme which is one of the Natural Environment Research Council's flagship projects for the 1990s, the York trust's director, Peter Addyman, said. "York's overbank-river deposits along the Foss and Ouse are a valuable source of evidence because they combine flood debris with layers rich in datable artefacts, and provide a unique record of inundation, sediments and contaminant fluxes from Roman times to the 15th century.

"We can address key questions such as the effects of episodic cultural and climatic events on patterns and rates of contaminant transport from river basin to estuary. Cultural events could include base metal ore extraction in the Yorkshire Dales, and the development of sheep grazing by the great Cistercian monasteries of the Middle Ages."

There is also evidence of the "Little Ice Age" in recent centuries, with a colder and more continental climate shown at York by more late winter snow-melt floods. "Already the floods we have detected seem to be not random but clustered and related to major periods of climatic change," Mr Addyman said.

York's alluvial archaeology may go back to the Bronze Age: timbers from another pumping station site have yielded radiocarbon dates between 800 and 1800 BC. They lay below 30 feet of silts, showing how much deposit has built up over the past 3,000 years, and how relative land and sea levels have changed as the effects of the last Ice Age faded out.

British wine was toast of Romans

ARCHAEOLOGICAL evidence suggests that Roman Britons used to drink English wine as well as varieties they imported from France and Spain (Norman Hammond writes).

Wine amphorae made from Hertfordshire clay have been found. The vessels, apparently used to decant wine from larger containers such as casks, were made near Brockley Hill, some 20 miles north of London, and marked with a distinctive stamp which may have acted as a label. The discovery follows collation of numerous finds by Robin Symonds of the Museum of London Archaeology Service: they date to the first century AD, the decades following the Roman conquest of AD 43, and are based on a Gaulish design. Those found in Gaul seem to have been used to "bottle" local vintages, so Mr Symonds argues that south-east England was also a wine-producing region.

The amphorae average 25 litres (5.5 gallons), and would presumably have been decanted into smaller flagons at the point of sale, except for the wealthiest purchasers, Mr Symonds believes.

He thinks that the vineyards were specialist producers, although much of the wine consumed in Roman Britain was imported from France or Spain. Some of the amphorae found in London over the past 70 years have gone on exhibition at the Tower Hill Pageant.

Birthdays today

Mr D.W. Astor, former chairman, Council for the Protection of Rural England, 50; Sir Philip Beck, chairman, John Mowlem and Company, 59; Mr M.L. Bourdillon, Lord Lieutenant of Powys, 69; the Right Rev Colin Buchanan, former Bishop of Aston, 59; Major Sir Peter Clarke, royal equerry, 66; Professor Elizabeth Cutter, botanist, 64; Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, 61; Baroness Denington, 86; Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse, Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, 70; Sir Eric Howells, farmer, 60; Sir Christopher Laidlaw, company director, 71; Mr Rod Laver, tennis player, 55; Sir Frank Layfield, QC, 72; Dr David VandeLinde vice-chancellor, Bath University, 51; Sir Mark Weinberg, former chairman, Allied Dunbar Assurance, 62; Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, 84; Mr J.V. Wellesley, chairman, East Sussex Health Authority, 60; Lord Young of Dartington, 78.



James Naughtie, the broadcaster, is 42 today

Church news

The Rev Robert Prance, Chaplain, Sherborne School (Salisbury): to be Vicar, Stoke Gabriel and Collaton St Mary (Exeter).

The Rev David Rogers, Assistant Curate, Kingston upon Hull, St Nicholas: to be Priest-in-charge, Kingston upon Hull, St Mary (York) and Chaplain w. the North Humberside Industrial Mission.

The Rev Ivan Salonia, Curate, St Alfege w. St Peter and St Paul, Greenwich: to be Assistant Curate in the Kidbrooke Team Ministry, w. special responsibility for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Kidbrooke, Southwark.

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The Rev Nigel Walker, Vicar, Upton (Chester): to be Chancellor of Holy Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Brussels (Europe).

The Rev Frances Ward, Parish Deacon, St Bartholomew, Westhoughton (Manchester): to be Tutor in Practical Theology at the Northern College (United Reformed Church).

The Rev John Waud, Rector, Brandesburton: to be Rector, Beeford w. Frodingham and Foston (York).

The Rev Niall Weir, Team Vicar, Poplar (London): to be Priest-in-charge, Forest Gate, Emmanuel (Chelmsford).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Deryck Spratley, Team Rector, Dagenham Team Ministry (Chelmsford): to retire as from September 30.

Nature notes



The pied wagtail

PIED wagtails are running about swiftly on lawns and playing fields, chasing small flies. A black-headed gull will sometimes come down and join in the chase. Most black-headed gulls are moulting: they lose their chocolate-brown hoods in winter, and just keep a dark mark behind the eye. On hot afternoons they sleep on the grass, with moulted white feathers blowing around them. Young coots are now as large as their parents, and are beginning to acquire a white shield on their foreheads, though their beak is not yet white like the adult's. Moorhens sometimes climb into waterside elder trees to eat the ripening berries.

Railway embankments are a mass of colour, with pink rosebay willow-herb and yellow ragwort climbing over them in long swathes. In waste places, there are large bushes of wall rocket with its four-petalled yellow flowers: it gives off an unpleasant smell when the stems are broken. Great burdock has also grown bushy and its hooked flower heads are turning purple. Comma butterflies are feeding on brambles and buddleia: they look like ragged scraps of tiger skin from above, and have a silver mark like a comma on the underside of the hind wing.

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St. Mark 1 : 22

BIRTHS

BALANESCU - On July 26th to Sally and Yossi, a wonderful son, Stefan Matthew Raphael.

COSBETT - On August 5th to Lindsay (nee Payne) and Paul a daughter Hollie Lydia.

TAYLOR - Alison and Mark are very proud to announce the birth of their son, Elliot James on 6th August 1993.

DEATHS

BLAIKIE - Penny aged 49 died 5th August. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Kensington Park Road, W11, at 12 noon 12th August. Family flowers only. Donations please to: Royal Free Hospital Kidney Patient's Association, c/o The Treasurer, 197 Inderwick Road, Hornsey, N8 9JR. Loved by so many.

COPELAND - On July 17th 1993 suddenly at home Barbara Millicent aged 84 years, Order of St John and retired nurse. Funeral Service Chelsea Old Church on Friday August 13th at 2 pm. Followed by cremation at Putney Vale at 3.15 pm. All enquiries J.H. Kenyon Tel: 071-937 0767

DEATHS

FARMER - Jack, on 6th August 1993 peacefully in hospital after a short and sudden illness. Widower of his dear wife Joan, father of Jennifer and grandfather of Stuart, Joanne and Mark. Funeral at North East Surrey Crematorium at 1.30pm on Thursday 12th August. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research at The Royal Marsden Hospital, Sutton.

JOHNSON - On August 4th Geoffrey aged 46 years. Funeral Service on Saturday August 14th at 11.30 am at The South London Crematorium, Rowan Road SW16. All friends and colleagues welcome. No flowers but donations if desired to the Mild May Mission Hospital would be appreciated, c/o Mears & Cotterill, 169 Merton Road SW18 5EF. Tel:081-874 7698

KING - On August 3rd, at The Royal Free Hampstead, despite the bravest of struggles following a short illness, Cmdr Edwin King OBE, RA (Cantab), retired Director of British Aerospace aged 66. Always loving and much loved by his family and friends. Funeral 11 am 13th August, at St John's Dipwell, Welwyn. Enquiries and flowers to George Blow and Sons, Welwyn (0438 714686). Donations, please, to The Cambridge Foundation (0223 332288).

DEATHS

MAXWELL - On 4th August 1995, peacefully on holiday at Lymington Yacht Haven, Booth aged 63 years. Late of Ingatestone, Essex. Son of the late Mr & Mrs C.C.R. Maxwell. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday August 12th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only but if wished donations for R.N.L.I. C/O Diamond & Son F.D., 9/11 Lower Buckland Road, Lymington, Hants SO41 9DN.

REINHARDT - On 6th August, very peacefully, Dorothy Rosamond (nee Swire), late of New York and Henfield, West Sussex. Funeral at The Downs Crematorium, Brighton, on Thursday 12th August at 3.30 pm. No flowers, by request, but donations, if desired, to the R.S.P.C.A. Enquiries to R Vinall, Neptown Road, Henfield, West Sussex. Tel: 0273 492281

THOMAS - William Wright. The Man. The Strength. The Power. The loving and caring husband of Olive and devoted father of Stephen, Malcolm, Gillian, Allan, Phillip, Linda and Colin who passed away on 5/8/93 and is being buried in Australia on this day 9/8/93. His spirit is with us every day in every way forever. We will love him in eternity.

DEATHS

WARD-JACKSON - Peacefully on August 6th 1993, at Apple Hill Nursing Home, Henry Alan Franklin, dearly loved father and grandfather. Funeral at Reading Crematorium on Wednesday 11th August at 12 noon. Flowers to Tomalin & Son, 48 New St, Henley-on-Thames by 11 am.

WATSON - On 7th August 1993, peacefully in hospital in Ipswich, the Rev. Alan William Martin Watson O.B.E. R.N. Dearly loved husband of the late Georgina. Funeral service at St. Peter's Church, Levington on Thursday 12th August at 11.30am followed later by private cremation. No flowers but donations maybe made to St. Peter's Church. All enquiries to Singleton & Hastings Funeral Service, 21 Berners St, Ipswich IP1 3LW

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

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IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

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OBITUARIES

JOHN BATES

John A. V. Bates, physiologist, died on July 16 aged 74. He was born on August 24, 1918.

THE cerebral organisation of movement was John Bates's main interest in neurophysiology. Underlying this were the mathematical and engineering skills that he developed in his work on tanks during the second world war and the interest he and his research colleagues took in information and computer theory and technology.

With Wilder Penfield and Herbert Jasper at the Montreal Neurological Institute, he studied the technique of recording from the brain in man. In his work with the neurosurgeon, Sir Wylie McKissock, at The National Hospital, he developed specialised stimulating and recording equipment using surplus electronic components bought from the government at the end of the war at sixpence a hundredweight; this "home-made" equipment was invaluable at a time when there was nothing else available. He was one of the first to record the integrated electroencephalogram and to film motor responses to electric



stimulation of the cerebral cortex. Another technique that he developed was making an audible electroencephalogram.

Bates spent some years carrying out a study of the events in the human electroencephalogram in normal subjects immediately preceding and following a voluntary movement. The electroencephalogram was recorded from a scalp electrode over the cortical motor area associated with movements of the opposite hand. To distinguish consistent events from chance fluctuations of the brain potentials, he adoped the technique of photographic superimposition. This technique brought out the common waveform changes before and after voluntary movements by superimposing a number of responses positioned so that the onset of movement was synchronised.

He was one of the team of investigators who studied the abnormal and the normal cerebral hemisphere in a series of patients who had one cerebral hemisphere surgically removed to alleviate the epileptic and other disorders associated with congenital hemiplegia.

When Irving Cooper of New York first introduced making surgical lesions deep in the cerebral hemispheres for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, Bates frequently visited him, carrying out stimulation and recordings in these conscious patients being operated upon under local anaesthesia. Later, his interest in Parkinson's disease brought about a rewarding investigation with Dr. Purdon Martin on patients with Parkinson's disease due to encephalitis lethargica. This work on postural and balance mechanisms and the mechanisms used unconsciously to prevent falling added invaluable knowledge not only to disorders such as Parkinson's disease but also to knowledge of the normal.

John Bates was a member of the Physiological Society from 1949 onwards, joining the editorial board of the *Journal of Physiology* between 1967 and 1973, and a member of the Electroencephalography Society (now the British Society for Clinical Neurophysiology), serving as president from 1976 to 1978. He was also a member of the Association of British Neurologists.

He did his pre-clinical medical studies at Cambridge and his clinical training at University College London. On qualifying, he became house physician to Sir Thomas Lewis. When the war came, he did research on visual tracking and the design of controls in tanks which was to be of such value to him in his later work.

In 1946, he became a member of the external scientific staff of the Medical Research Council, working in Dr. E. A. Carmichael's Neurological Research Unit at The National Hospital for Nervous Diseases and was made an honorary consultant at the hospital. He continued in this position until he retired.

Bates helped the late Sheridan Russell in setting up "Paintings in Hospital". This organisation loaned original paintings first to The National Hospital, and then to all hospitals throughout the country.

Bates was such an enthusiastic lecturer that one could go on listening, hoping he would never come to an end. He must have been the only neurophysiologist who gave a lecture at The National Hospital on Hobbes's *Leviathan*, as Hobbes was apparently the first thinker to use the word "voluntary" in the term "voluntary movement". He was a delightful person, full of ideas, always produced with overwhelming enthusiasm.

John Bates is survived by his wife, Dr. Diana Bates, and four children.

Walter Fackler

WALTER D. Fackler, American economist, died on July 22 aged 71.

He was an authority in industrial economics, public finance and the impact of government policies on the economy and played an important role in the growth of the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

Before joining the university in 1960, he served on the White House staff as senior economist for the cabinet committee on price stability for economic growth. He also was assistant director of the economic research department of the US Chamber of Commerce.

Well known for his economic forecasts and as a frequent witness before congressional committees on the probable economic effects of proposed government action, Fackler served as associate and acting dean of the Chicago university's business school and headed its MBA programme from 1970 until 1987. He retired in 1991.

He is survived by his wife Hazel and three sons.

ADMIRAL SIR NIGEL HENDERSON

Admiral Sir Nigel Stuart Henderson, GBE, KCB, former chairman of Nato's military committee died on August 2 aged 84. He was born on August 1, 1909.



NIGEL HENDERSON was a round peg in a round hole. An internationalist by instinct and experience, he found his métier in the closed corridors of Nato, chastising "the Brits" along with anyone else who failed to meet the security demands of the alliance.

He joined the military committee in its infancy in Washington in the late 1960s, where he took on the job of Britain's representative on it while also serving as head of the British defence staffs in the United States. Two years later, in 1968 (and by now in Brussels) Henderson derived great personal satisfaction from being selected as only the third chairman in the committee's short history. The year was that of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia and Henderson provided three years of vigorous leadership into the era of détente and nuclear parity.

He had had an active early life and war. In the chilling early hours of March 31, 1941, already a battle-hardened gunnery officer, he was one of those all too few men who survived from the light cruiser *Bonaventure* when she was sunk by an Italian submarine. Flung onto the deck when two torpedoes ripped through the warship as it was escorting a small convoy south of Crete, he clung on to a piece of floating wreckage and watched the *Bonaventure* slide stern-first out of sight.

After the war, when serving as naval attaché in Rome, Henderson (who later wrote a pamphlet about his old ship) tried to locate the Italian submarine commander. The result was that on the 40th anniversary of the attack, Captain Arillo wrote him a letter, expressing his sympathy with the families of those who had lost their lives and chivalrously sending his good wishes to those who had survived.

Henderson himself was picked up from the sea and was one of six officers who were landed at Suez. From there Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, C-in-C Mediterranean, directed him to join the Eighth Army in the desert as a liaison officer.

He went down with jaundice, however, and was evacuated back to Britain where he joined HMS *Excellent*, the Royal Navy's gunnery school at Whale Island, as an instructor. From there he joined the staff which was already planning the allied "Torch" landings in North Africa.

He returned to the Mediterranean himself as fleet gunnery officer and took part in the planning for the landings in Sicily and Italy, then in the operations themselves. In 1944 he was made executive officer in the new light carrier *Ocean*, under the captaincy of Caspar John (later to become First Sea Lord). *Ocean* was intended for service in the Far East, but the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki caused her to be diverted to the Mediterranean.

There she scored three "firsts" during Henderson's time on board. She was the first carrier to be fitted with a steam catapult, the first to have a jet aircraft land on deck and the first to carry out night-flying exercises.

After the war he was to command the anti-submarine, net-laying vessel *Protector* (later to become the Antarctic survey ship *Endeavour*), 1951-52, the naval air station at Bramcote, 1952-54, the crusier *Kenya*, 1955-57, and was to be C-in-C Plymouth, 1962-65 — a tour which gave him particular pleasure.

It was as a staff officer, though, that Henderson was to make his name. Having already attracted attention with his planning work during the war, he was picked in the late 1940s to act as naval assistant to the admiral serving on the Harwood committee — set up to draft a five-year plan for the armed forces on a budget of £750 million. From that job he went to Rome as naval attaché in 1949.

A fluent French speaker (the result of having a French governess as a child) the newly-promoted Rear-Admiral Henderson began his first Nato tour in 1957 as vice-naval deputy to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (then based in France). After only this one tour as a rear-admiral, he was again promoted and made director-general of training at the Admiralty between 1960 and 1962. He went to Washington in 1966, the year in which President de Gaulle withdrew France from Nato's military command.

Despite Henderson's highly successful career, he was originally intended for the Army. The son of a lieutenant-colonel in the Indian Medical Services (his father ended up as governor of the Northern province jails), he was sent to Cheltenham College — then very much a training ground for the military. But he was so turned off by the school's cadet corps, with its emphasis on "bulling" boots and webbing, that he surprised everyone by putting his name down for the Navy. He joined in 1927 as a direct entrant and it was a decision of which he never repented. It was an exceptional naval career, as recognised by his successive appointments, once off the active list, to be Rear-Admiral of the United Kingdom, 1973-76, and Vice-Admiral of the United Kingdom and Lieutenant of the Admiralty, 1976-79.

On retiring to Scotland in 1971, he entered the public life of Kirkcudbright. He was made a deputy lieutenant in 1973 and became involved with a number of organisations, including the National Trust for Scotland, the British Legion and the sea cadets. He also helped to launch the John Paul Jones Museum, founded to commemmorate the birthplace of the US Navy's founder. He was an expert ornithologist, a skilled watercolour artist who exhibited locally and was still taking lessons up to the time of his death. He was also, in his younger days, a first-class cricketer. He captained the Royal Navy's cricket XI and claimed to be the only man to have played for the service at every rank from midshipman to captain.

Nigel Henderson is survived by his wife Catherine, whom he met in Malta while serving as assistant gunnery officer in HMS *Hood* in the late 1930s, and by their son and two daughters.

WILLIAM NIEDERLAND

William Guglielmo Niederland, a psychoanalyst who gained international recognition for his formulation of the "survivor syndrome," died at his home in Englewood, New Jersey, on July 30 aged 88. He was born in Schippenbeil, East Prussia (now Sepopol, Poland), on August 29, 1904.

WILLIAM NIEDERLAND had a fellow feeling for survivors. He was one himself. The son of a Jewish rabbi, he fled Germany in 1934 after Hitler came to power and suddenly found himself stateless. Switzerland expelled him, and the United States denied him entry. Italy did allow him to stay in 1935, and he opened a private psychiatric clinic in Milan, but with the onset of the second world war and Mussolini's alliance with Hitler, Niederland was on the run again.

This time he fled to Britain, which allowed him to enter the country but then imprisoned him in an internment camp in Sandwich, Kent, as an enemy alien.

Niederland was released from internment after agreeing to serve as a ship's doctor on board the British merchantman SS *Dardanus*, and spent the next two years wandering from port to port, administering vaccinations and pulling teeth. As a German native he was frequently threatened with detention, and when the ship docked in the US he was refused permission to go ashore, but he saw a great deal of the world.

Finally, when the *Dardanus* called at Manila, Niederland had a chance meeting with a medical school dean and managed to leave the ship. He became an assistant professor of mental hygiene at the University of the Philippines. The *Dardanus* sailed without him, and was promptly sunk by a Japanese bomb with the loss of all on board. His narrow escape gave him a personal concept of the "survivor syndrome," characterised by a number of ailments brought about by subconscious feelings of guilt.

Niederland developed his theory fully in 1961, after interviewing 2,000 patients who had survived a variety of disasters, but were predominantly survivors of the Nazi death camps. The symptoms he found included insomnia, nightmares, personality changes, chronic depression, disturbances of memory, anxiety and psychosomatic ailments. "The very fact of survival," he said, "always causes severe guilt. The ego is not so massively shattered in a flood survivor as in the survivor of Auschwitz, but the symptoms are the same."

By this time Niederland was well established in the United States, having been admitted in late 1940 and obtained his third medical doctorate in 1941. In addition to private practice and teaching appointments at a number of universities, he began to study the effects on creativity of physical infirmity or bereavement, producing psychological analyses of such figures as Byron, Keats, Chopin, Toulouse-Lautrec, Goya, Gogol and Rembrandt. He concluded that creative gifts could emerge from "heightened bodily sensitivity" resulting from some defect or malformation, and called such unconscious factors "the dark roots of creativity."

In later years he turned his attention to the possible psychological motives of explorers, from Christopher Columbus — who once described the earth as resembling a mother's breast — to the astronauts who landed on the moon, thereby defiling what had been regarded as "a chaste and fair goddess". Niederland coined the term "psychogeography" for this previously unexplored branch of science, and believed it could bring new awareness of the underlying motives for exploration and discovery.

An accomplished writer and linguist, Niederland produced some 200 articles and books in English, German and Italian. He is survived by his three sons.

BOB COOPER

Bob Cooper, jazz tenor saxophonist, oboist and composer, died in Los Angeles on August 5 aged 67. He was born in Pittsburgh on December 6, 1925.



IN A field renowned for its fast-living, larger-than-life characters, the jazz saxophonist Bob Cooper was a self-effacing somewhat professorial figure. An urbane composer and arranger, he was a leading member of the so-called "West Coast" school which emerged in Los Angeles in the 1950s. West Coast music was sometimes dismissed as effete and whimsical; the same criticism could hardly be made of Cooper's powerful, rhythmically charged tenor playing.

The son of a professional ice-hockey player, he studied the clarinet and then took up the tenor saxophone. By 1945 he had won a place in Stan Kenton's orchestra, a band which provided a grounding for many of the future stars of the West Coast. Cooper stayed with Kenton for six years, becoming a key element in the grandiose experiments in quasi-symphonic "progressive jazz". As well as the tenor saxophone, he also played oboe and English horn. It was through the orchestra that he met his wife, the singer June Christy. The couple married in the winter of 1947, but only after completing the last show of the evening. Kenton, something of a martinet, ensured that both were back on the bandstand the very next day.

Cooper left Kenton in 1951, soon after the bandleader's 40-piece "Innovations in Modern Music" orchestra arrived in Los Angeles for the recording of the controversial suite *City of Glass*. Cooper decided to settle in the area, along with several of his colleagues, including the trumpeter Shorty Rogers and the drummer Shelly Manne. He was soon part of the band which played informally at the Lighthouse Cafe on Hermosa Beach. The Lighthouse All Stars, as the group was to be known, attracted the most talented players in the region. One regular highlight was a marathon Sunday session which would begin at two o'clock in the afternoon and end 12 hours later. Cooper supplied many of the arrangements for the group's studio recordings. While continuing to work with the All Stars, he also studied classical composition with the Italian-born composer Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. The stylistic experiments continued on a series of sometimes precious oboe and flute duets with the reeds player Bud Shank. Other albums from this period include the 1957 session *Coop! The Music of Bob Cooper*. After touring with his wife, in Europe in 1956 Cooper turned increasingly to commercial session work in the film and television studios during the 1960s. There were, however, occasional reunions with various Kenton line-ups, and in later years he also worked with Nat Pierce and Harry Edison.

British audiences had a rare opportunity to see him in 1991 when he came to this country with The Lighthouse All Stars under the joint leadership of Shorty Rogers and Bud Shank — two other stalwarts of the Hollywood studios. Their concert at the Birmingham Jazz festival proved that the old West Coast virtues were still intact. An album, *America The Beautiful* was issued on the Candid label around the same time. The musicians were back in the studio last year for a follow-up *Eight Brothers*, and Cooper also took part in a spirited West Coast All Stars session, *Shake Down The Stars*, devoted to the music of Jimmy Van Heusen.

NINA NATHAN

Nina Nathan, MBE, Amnesty volunteer, died on July 22 aged 86. She was born on March 19, 1907.



THE daughter of a Russian Menshevik, Nina Nathan was born in Chita, Siberia, where her father was imprisoned. After his release from a Tsarist jail, she left for England — via China — spreadeagled with her mother, sister and infant brother on the roof of an overcrowded railway carriage.

She was an indefatigable worker for the London Society of Jews and Christians, the Abbeyfield Society, and among the congregation of the Liberal Synagogue.

In the darker days of the Soviet Union she threw herself into Amnesty International's work. Armed with a purloined directory, she would telephone KGB officials and the heads of remote "psychiatric hospitals", reminding them forcefully in their own language that the West had its eyes on the "prisoners of conscience" in their charge. Mostly, however, her energies were channelled into social rather than political causes. And it was for her work for Abbeyfield that she was appointed MBE in 1985. She married Edgar Nathan in 1931. Her husband predeceased her after 60 years of marriage.

Bernice Pontrelli

BERNICE Pontrelli, Hollywood costume designer, died on July 24 aged 86.

As head of the wardrobe department of RKO Pctures, she outfitted such stars as Ginger Rogers, Joan Fontaine and Claudette Colbert. Her designs appeared in numerous films including *Witness for the Prosecution*, *Blood on the Moon*, *How the West Was Won* and *True Grit*.

Bernice Pontrelli emmigrated from Italy as a child and began her career at Hollywood's Western Costume Co. in the early 1930s.

She headed the wardrobe department at RKO Pictures and worked as a freelance for several studios, including Paramount, MGM and Universal. She also created women's sportswear. She is survived by a daughter and a son.

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HARD LUCK

"Of course," said Professor Kennedy, some time Regius Professor of Greek, "if I had known that *diamonds* were trumps, I should have played *very* differently." So at least a Cambridge historian has alleged, adding that the speaker's reproachful tone implied that it was somebody else's fault. It was a fine, bold use of the invaluable "if," and yet it was paltry compared with that on the grand scale by Romanov, the leader of the Soviet team at Helsinki. We in our humility had believed them to have acquired much merit, but their leader declares that if the footballers, cyclists, swimmers, water-polo players and oarsmen, fencers and horsemen had not all been considerably below their form, and if the referees had been fair, his men would have beaten the Americans. We ourselves have been conducting our own not very profitable *post mortems*, but we cannot, any more than could have Professor Kennedy, live up to this. This is something like an "if." We may leave the referee out of the reckoning. The umpire is always wrong, as the ghost of some ancient decision still unforgiven comes back to remind us. L.b.w. forsooth! Why, we played the ball hard and audibly. But that seven separate sets of players should simultaneously be off their respective games is indeed tragic. As Mr. Stiggins once remarked: "It makes a vessel's heart bleed." We must all sympathize, even though most of us have never lived up to that imaginary standard which we call our game. In the words of the philosopher William James we have been "Ever not quite." Apart, however, from that one general and incomprehensible failure there are so many specific reasons why we have failed. The heartless wretch who moved behind the bowler's arm, the well-meaning idiot who threw a ball into the court during a vital rally, the caddie who had the hiccups, the lark that trilled in the sky — but for these purely fortuitous circumstances the records at the end of the book would be very different. And there is this added poison in our bitter cup, that nobody believes us. This is in some cases our own fault. Honesty is the best policy. If we as much as suspect ourselves of any disease we should declare it before the game starts. It is of no avail when we are already as good as beaten. True, we shall not gain a character for silent and Spartan endurance, but that was probably lost long ago. The trouble about excuses is that they generally come too late.

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Only The Times's Bernard Darwin could have written this fourth leader with its apt Dickensian quotation and its mention of a hiccuping caddie. He was 75 at the time.

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NEWS

Ecu plan reopens Tory rift

■ Conservative tensions over Europe swiftly resurfaced as it emerged that John Major is likely to revive his plan for a common European currency after last week's collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism.

Both Euro-sceptic and Euro-enthusiast MPs have misgivings about the "hard ecu" idea, which Mr Major first mooted when he was Chancellor ..... Pages 1, 2, 6, 8

The faces of Sarajevo's suffering

■ Irma Hadzimuratovic is five years old. She is waiting to die. Her brown hair boyishly short and her head wrenched back, she lies writhing in pain in a darkened Sarajevo intensive care ward. Ten days ago, Irma and 14 other Sarajevans, most of them children, were hit by shrapnel in a market. Irma's mother and another women died. ..... Page 1

Reprisal threatened

President Clinton threatened "appropriate action" after four American soldiers were killed in a Somali ambush. The president remained unwavering in his support for the UN peacekeeping effort ..... Pages 1, 9

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State schools will be expected to inform parents how they cater for gifted children as part of a new government drive to nurture outstanding talent ..... Page 1

Body re-examined

A second post-mortem examination is to be carried out today on the body of Joy Gardner, the Jamaican woman who collapsed during a struggle with police attempting to enforce a deportation order ..... Page 2

Bishop's call

An Anglican bishop called for the bombing of Serb positions around Sarajevo and for Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to speak out on the moral right of military intervention in Bosnia ..... Page 2

Travelling in France

British tourists have been told to take additional safeguards to protect themselves against armed gangs who are ambushing motorists travelling to the south of France ..... Page 3

Tickets sold out

The ticket office at Buckingham Palace sold out, but only after cutting the number of tickets available. The decision came after only 4,314 tickets were sold on Saturday, far fewer than the 8,000 visitors officials had predicted ..... Page 3

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Rapists will not be convicted in significant numbers until the justice system stops putting victims on trial, police and pressure groups say ..... Page 5

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The next Rolls-Royce could be a small saloon instead of an opulent limousine as the company draws up plans to face the next century ..... Page 6

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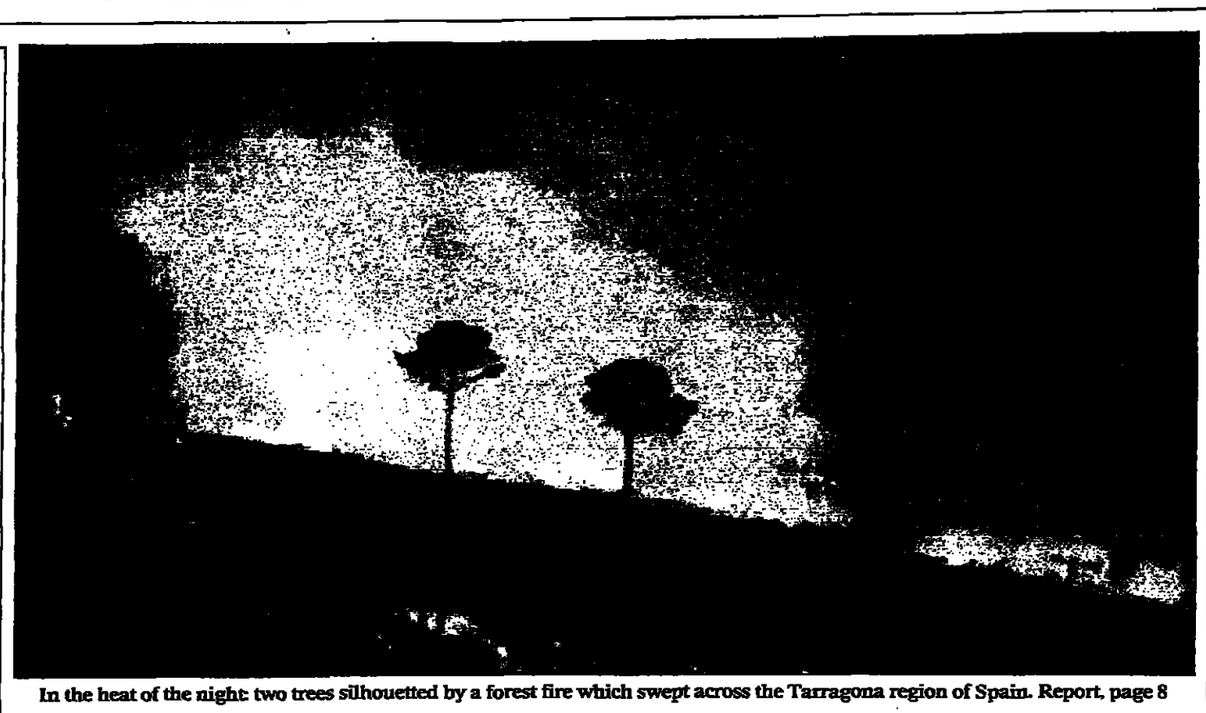
Prince Albert of Liège today takes the oath of succession to become Belgium's sixth king, Albert II, before members of parliament who recently shrunk his powers almost to the point of invisibility ..... Page 8

Budget relief

President Clinton will tomorrow put his signature under the final version of his economic programme, hoping to end six months of acrimonious debate after Congress approved the plan with the narrowest possible margin on Friday ..... Page 9

Maintaining the presence of Lenin

■ Every Wednesday and Friday morning experts descend into the cool darkness of Red Square's mausoleum to check that Lenin is reposing in conditions conducive to his preservation. The tiniest changes in temperature are measured. Once every 18 months his body receives attention to prevent decay, his beard is tended and fingernails treated ..... Page 8



In the heat of the night: two trees silhouetted by a forest fire which swept across the Tarragona region of Spain. Report, page 8

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Swimming: Britain finished with 12 medals at the European swimming championships at Sheffield which ended yesterday. Only Germany and Russia left the competition with more ..... Page 19

Football: Manchester United, the league champions, won the Charity Shield at Wembley when they beat Arsenal, the FA Cup holders, in a penalty shoot-out. The score after 90 minutes was 1-1 ..... Page 21

Cycling: Chris Boardman, the Olympic gold medallist, won the 25-mile time trial at Newtonards, co. Down, in his first meeting with Graeme Obree since they both broke the world one-hour record last month ..... Page 19

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Power and profit: Nuclear Electric, the state-owned nuclear energy group, has won approval for a three-year interval between safety inspections at its Hartlepool power station. This should result in a £20 million increase in profits in the second year ..... Page 32

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Hanan Ashrawi and two fellow Palestinian negotiators in the Middle East peace talks told the PLO chairman they wished to resign
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■ Richard Morrison offers a personal guide to the 1993 festival, its stars and its eccentrics, its sure-fire hits ... and the accidents waiting to happen

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■ "Burning people alive in their houses does not come under any recognisable form of pacification." Bernard Levin on the violence in Kashmir

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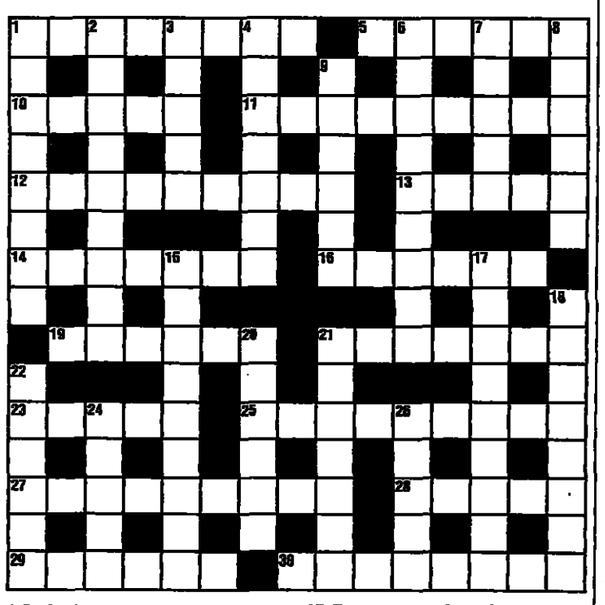
The [American] president's budget victory gives him the opportunity to recast his presidency in terms larger than the absolutely necessary but hardly inspiring task of balancing the books

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Of course, some of Mr Clinton's proposals weren't worth funding ... Nevertheless, the [Congress] pattern of cutting huge chunks out of the president's investment plan is unsettling

The New York Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,304



ACROSS

1 Dogs handled by instructors (8).
5 Tax the Church in spirit (6).
10 No note about a Biblical character (5).
11 Super heat used to develop source of irrigation (9).
12 Toeing the line in the Services, say (9).
13 This sort of sense is common (5).
14 Islander, a local character, meets girl not all there (7).
16 Ball in city attended by Royalty (6).
19 Lively output from the pen? (6).
21 He would be silly to go near a striker (7).
23 Take off from dual carriageway at 100 (5).
25 He rises every morning to a rousing march (7-2).
27 Former stress shows increase (9).
28 Tramps start off in the wind (5).
29 Made notes at first with listeners outside (6).
30 Tennis crank — the Spanish supply a guard (8).

DOWN

1 Stagecraft say with strings attached (8).
2 Bent coin with unknown logo found in study (9).
3 Plagiarist, perhaps, who may be used to abstract art? (5).
4 Painter has article in about blaze (7).
6 Short race is enough for this animal (9).
7 Lecturer shows how to cook trout (5).
8 Who's telling where accommodation may be found? (6).
9 Lack of interest, in a way, shown by youth leader (6).
15 Probity of one caught out between pub and church (9).
17 River low — just a covering on the bed (9).
18 'Barkis is willin' is one way of putting it (8).
20 Understand trick (4.2).
21 Fluid measure is a flop (7).
22 The measure of a physicist (6).
24 Female to finish on board — right! (5).
26 Report of this Russian scourge is nothing to us (5).

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KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,303 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a stationery rack

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Madrid	31	88	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Majorca	32	90	s
Alex'dria	28	82	f	Malaga	37	99	s
Algiers	35	95	f	Malta	34	93	s
Amst'dm	19	66	c	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Athens	34	93	s	Miami*	33	91	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Milan	29	84	s
Bangkok	34	93	f	Montreal*	24	75	f
Barbados*	29	84	f	Moscow	22	72	c
Barcelona	27	81	s	Munich	24	75	s
Beirut	29	84	f	Nairobi	21	70	c
Belgrade	30	86	s	Naples	30	86	s
Berlin	19	66	f	N Delhi	31	88	s
Biarritz	22	72	c	N York*	22	72	c
Borde'x	27	81	s	Nice	29	84	s
Brussels	21	70	s	Oslo	19	66	s
Budapst	27	81	f	Paris	24	75	s
B Aires*	11	52	c	Peking	32	90	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Perth	16	61	r
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Prague	22	72	s
Chicago*	23	73	f	Reykjavik	9	48	r
Ch'church	7	45	c	Rhodes	30	86	s
Cologne	23	73	f	Rio de J	32	90	s
C'phagn	19	66	f	Riyadh	43	109	s
Corfu	31	88	s	Rome	23	73	s
Dublin	15	59	c	Salzburg	24	75	s
Dubrovnik	32	90	s	S Frisco*	16	61	c
Faro	24	75	c	Santiago*	12	54	f
Florence	28	84	s	S Paulo*	28	82	c
Frankfurt	25	77	s	Seoul	24	75	f
Funchal	24	75	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Geneva	26	79	f	St'kholm	19	66	f
Gibraltar	31	88	s	Strasb'rg	24	75	s
Helsinki	18	64	f	Sydney	15	59	s
Hong K	30	86	f	Tangier	26	79	f
Innsbruck	25	77	f	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Istanbul	29	84	f	Tenerife	29	84	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tokyo	23	73	c
Jo'burg*	20	68	s	Toronto*	17	63	c
Karachi	32	90	f	Tunis	36	97	s
L Palmas	25	77	s	Valencia	30	86	s
La Tquet	18	64	f	Vanc'ver*	18	64	c
Lisbon	24	75	s	Venice	29	84	s
Locarno	27	81	s	Vienna	25	77	s
L Angels*	22	72	c	Warsaw	20	68	f
Luxembg	22	72	f	Wash'ton*	26	79	c
Luxor	40	104	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	s
				Zurich	20	68	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am, 16C (61F). Humidity: 6pm, 44 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,018.0 millibars, falling.
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Lowestoft, Suffolk, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall, Aberdeen, Grampian, 0.90in; highest sunshine, Salcombe, Devon 9.4hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F). min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.26. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01.

GLASGOW

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UK OVERNIGHT

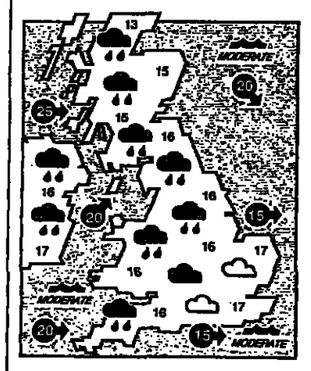
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.5	0.90	19	66	rain
Anglesey	0.7	0.02	17	63	rain
Aviemore	0.9	0.06	18	64	cloudy
Belfast	0.7	0.01	18	64	cloudy
Birmingham	5.8	-	20	68	bright
Bognor Regis	9.7	-	20	68	sunny
Bournemouth	11.0	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol	8.2	-	19	66	sunny
Buxton	1.9	0.04	17	63	bright
Cardiff	8.0	-	19	66	sunny
Clacton	4.0	-	22	72	sunny
Colwyn Bay	1.5	0.01	20	68	cloudy
Cromer	11.2	-	21	70	sunny
Eastbourne	9.8	-	20	68	sunny
Edinburgh	1.5	0.01	19	66	bright
Eskdalemuir	3.4	0.18	17	63	rain
Exmouth	9.0	-	21	70	sunny
Folkestone	10.6	-	20	68	sunny
Glasgow	2.7	0.02	18	64	bright
Guernsey	13.3	-	20	68	sunny
Hastings	8.0	-	20	68	sunny
Isle of Man	0.6	0.06	17	63	rain
Jersey	14.1	-	22	72	sunny
Kinloss	0.1	0.03	17	63	shower
Leeds	2.3	-	19	66	cloudy
Lerwick	0.3	0.20	14	57	fog
Littlehampton	10.0	-	19	66	sunny
Liverpool	1.9	0.02	18	64	rain
London	8.8	-	23	73	sunny
Lowestoft	10.0	-	25	77	sunny
Manchester	1.5	0.01	19	66	rain
Margate	4.1	-	22	72	bright
Minehead	X	-	20	68	bright
Morecambe	-	0.11	16	61	rain
Newcastle	0.9	0.01	19	66	shower
Nottingham	4.6	-	19	66	sunny
Penzance	10.6	-	20	68	sunny
Plymouth	9.2	-	18	64	sunny
Poole	8.8	-	23	73	sunny
Salcombe	14.2	-	19	66	sunny
Sandown	9.6	-	21	70	sunny
Saunton Snd	8.5	-	19	66	sunny
Scarborough	5.8	0.05	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.4	-	19	66	sunny
Shanklin	10.2	-	19	66	sunny
Southend	6.5	-	22	72	bright
Southsea	9.1	-	21	70	sunny
Stornoway	2.5	0.06	17	63	shower
Swanage	10.3	-	19	66	sunny
Teignmouth	10.1	-	22	72	sunny
Tenby	0.7	0.03	17	63	cloudy
Tiree	2.6	0.10	16	61	shower
Torquay	12.3	-	22	72	sunny
Weymouth	10.5	-	18	64	sunny

TOURIST RATES

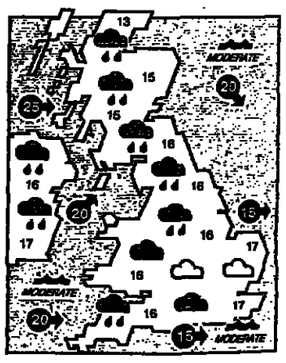
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.08
Austria Sch	19.00	17.50
Belgium Fr	58.95	52.55
Canada $	2.05	1.89
Cyprus Cypf	0.796	0.748
Denmark Kr	10.70	9.90
Finland Mkk	9.25	8.45
France Fr	9.36	8.66
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	371.00	348.00
Hong Kong $	12.23	11.23
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lira	2495.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	175.00	155.50
Netherlands Gld	3.04	2.81
Norway Kr	11.61	10.81
Portugal Esc	270.00	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.80	4.90
Spain Pta	215.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.55	11.75
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
Turkey Lira	17700	16700
USA $	1.59	1.46

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PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.05 pm to 5.07 am
Bristol 9.14 pm to 5.16 am
Edinburgh 9.33 pm to 5.02 am
Manchester 9.20 pm to 5.08 am
Penzance 9.22 pm to 5.32 am

Sun rises: 5.37 am
Sun sets: 8.35 pm
Moon rises 10.41 pm
Moon sets 1.16 pm
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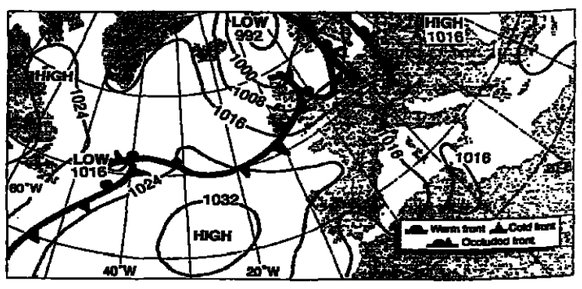
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	c	Guernsey	17	63	f
B'mngham	17	63	c	Inverness	16	61	c
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	19	66	f
Bristol	18	64	c	London	20	68	c
Cardiff	18	64	c	M'nchster	15	59	c
Edinburgh	14	57	r	Newcastle	16	61	c
Glasgow	13	55	c	R'nidsway	14	57	r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.37	8.5	6.46	8.4	Liverpool	3.43	8.4	3.58	8.0
Aberdeen	5.49	3.7	6.30	3.5	Lowestoft	2.22	2.1	2.13	2.3
Avonmouth	11.44	11.1	—	—	Margate	4.39	4.3	4.50	4.3
Belfast	3.39	3.3	4.10	3.1	Milford Haven	10.50	5.8	11.12	5.8
Cardiff	11.29	10.4	11.47	10.1	Newquay	9.45	5.9	10.08	5.8
Devonport	—	—	—	—	Oban	—	—	—	—
Dover	3.27	5.9	3.44	6.0	Penzance	9.32	4.7	9.44	4.7
Falmouth	9.53	4.5	10.04	4.5	Portland	—	—	—	—
Glasgow	5.25	4.5	5.46	4.3	Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Harwich	4.25	3.7	4.34	3.7	Shoreham	3.34	5.3	3.54	5.3
Holyhead	2.51	5.0	3.16	4.7	Southampton	3.24	4.0	3.52	4.0
Hull	10.59	6.6	11.23	6.2	Swansea	10.50	8.1	11.09	8.0
Ilfracombe	10.31	7.7	10.50	7.5	Tees	8.27	4.5	9.01	4.4
King's Lynn	11.04	5.8	11.30	5.2	Wilton-on-Nze	4.21	3.9	4.29	3.9
Leith	7.14	4.8	7.59	4.8					

NOON TODAY



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Australian spinners exploit familiar failings of England batsmen in Edgbaston Test

Thorpe and Emburey postpone defeat

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON (fourth day of five): Australia, with all second-innings wickets in hand, need 111 runs to beat England

KEITH Fletcher's hope that England could bat all day yesterday and go on to win this fifth Test was looking ridiculous shortly after midday. Five wickets had gone down for 21 runs in 43 minutes and Michael Atherton's first game as captain was heading for as humiliating a defeat as Graham Gooch's last.

The defeat remains highly likely but humiliation is on hold. While English wickets clattered indigestibly at either end of this curious fourth day, the meat in the sandwich was more palatable. Graham Thorpe and John Emburey came together with six wickets down and England still six runs behind. In 200 minutes of unbending concentration that shamed those who had gone before, they secured a lead of 97 and sowed a seed of doubt in Australian minds.

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It was, in truth, never more than that. In an age of miracles, such as 1981, someone like Botham or Willis would have bowled Australia out for a song. But this is the age of submission. England might have a new leader but they still have the same complex: they have not beaten Australia in 19 Tests and, for all the fanciful notions of the manager, they do not seriously believe they are about to start now.

There have been phases of this game when the mould might have been broken. Luck has eluded England, as it invariably eludes losers. They will privately feel they have had the rough end of the umpiring and they are probably right. But there is more to it than that, for Australia have been inspired when up against it. England have offered only desperation.

Only Mark Waugh and Ian Healy have made batting look easy on a pitch on which it is not. If this says something about the paucity of England's bowling, the events of yesterday said much more. So little had happened when the England spinners were operating on Saturday that it seemed the pitch had been anaesthetised: so much happened for the Australian pair that it was impossible to avert the gaze for fear of missing something.

Emburey and Peter Such shared 91.5 overs in the Australian first innings for a combined return of five for 209. Shane Warne, who has now equalled Clarrie Grimmett's record 29 wickets for an Australian leg-spinner in England, and Tim May bowled 97.2 overs in the England second innings and took all ten for 171. Figures cannot always be taken at face value but here the Australians have been twice as effective.

They looked, indeed, to have settled the game well before lunch yesterday, as the England top order once again approached the turning ball with all the comprehension of five-year-olds confronting a page of advanced algebra. Some of the strokes played were embarrassingly inept and, if two of the decisions left scope for doubt, the batsman in each case hurried off as if relieved to be put out of his misery.

The first of these was Robin Smith, who is no closer to having a coherent method of combating leg spin despite hours of practice. Shane Warne destroyed his fragile confidence in two balls on Saturday evening and maintained his control now. Smith might have been leg before playing no stroke to a googly, and was then almost bowled as he tried to cut May. He brought up 100 with a lunging slog against May but fell, appropriately to Warne, failing to read the flipper.

Matthew Maynard evaded a "pair" with an unconvincing scoop just out of mid-wicket's reach but played two strokes with encouraging freedom before pushing at May's arm ball and edging behind. An over later, the wicket on which the day had always seemed to depend, fell to a ball as outrageous as anything seen in the game.

Graham Gooch, whose technique against turn was as masterful as others' had been miserable, thrust out his left pad when Warne, from round the wicket and wide of the crease, pitched fully two feet outside leg stump.

The ball snaked past the back of Gooch's leg to hit middle and leg stump. Warne was lost in euphoria at this wizardry; England simply looked lost.

The procession continued, with Alec Stewart offering no shot to a routine leg-break and, even if the ball might have pitched marginally outside leg stump, it did not excuse the misjudgment. Warne now had three for six from 34 balls but May, as clever in variety if not as lavish of turn, claimed his second wicket of the day when Nasser Hussain nudged him to silly point off bat and pad.

It was now 12 minutes past midday and nobody could be sure the game would not be over before lunch. That it may now not be over until lunchtime today owes everything to a century stand that advertised the temperament of Thorpe and, for the second time in the game, the eccentric technique of Emburey.

Few batsmen in the country can appear more awkward than Emburey, while milking runs from uncharted quarters of the ground. His methods infuriate bowlers but they involve maximising limited ability with minimal regard for the textbook. In this game, he has batted for six hours. Most of those chosen to bat have not done a fraction as well.

Between lunch and tea, Ladbrokes slashed the odds against an England win from 100-1 to 5-1. It was 11 overs into the evening session before May was finally given a bowl at the Pavilion End and, with his first ball, he had Emburey taken behind. Two balls later, Martin Bicknell followed, whereupon Thorpe tried to take command and was stumped so plainly off Warne that the call for a replay decision using the third umpire was gratuitous.

The last wicket merrily added 22. In other circumstances they might have been crucial runs but England, once more, had been let down by those who are reputed to be their best batsmen. Only rain, which is forecast, can save them now.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Out of reach: Thorpe works a delivery past the diving Taylor during his half-century at Edgbaston yesterday. The Surrey batsman shared a stand of 104 with Emburey for the seventh wicket

EDGBASTON SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings: 276 (M A Atherton 72, J E Emburey 55 not out; P R Reiffel 6-71.

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
M A Taylor run out (Maynard-Stewart)	19	—	2	121	80
Quick throw from long leg					
G A Gooch b Warne	48	—	6	179	150
Bowling round wicket, bowled round legs					
*M A Atherton c Border b Warne	28	—	3	90	66
Bat-pad to silly point					
R A Smith lbw b Warne	19	—	2	68	70
Hit on back pad					
M P Maynard c Healy b May	10	—	1	13	15
Arm ball edged to wicketkeeper					
†A J Stewart lbw b Warne	5	—	1	22	26
Playing forward to leg break					
G P Thorpe st Healy b Warne	60	—	3	234	192
Television replay — leaping out to drive					
N Hussain c S R Waugh b May	0	—	—	4	7
Push to silly point					
J E Emburey c Healy b May	37	—	3	200	191
Attempting steer through slips					
M P Bicknell c S R Waugh b May	0	—	—	1	2
Pushed to silly point					
P M Such not out	7	—	1	51	42
M C Ilott b May	15	—	3	45	41
Off thigh on to leg stump					
Extras (b 11, lb 9, nb 2)	22				
Total (461min, 133.2 overs)	251				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60 (Gooch 25), 2-104 (Gooch 47), 3-115 (Gooch 48), 4-115 (Stewart 0), 5-124 (Thorpe 4), 6-125 (Thorpe 5), 7-229 (Thorpe 60), 8-229 (Thorpe 60), 9-229 (Such 0), 10-251 (Such 7).

BOWLING: Hughes 18-7-24-0, Reiffel 11-2-30-0 (nb 2); May 48.2-15-89-5; Warne 49-23-82-5; Border 2-1-1-0; M E Waugh 5-2-5-0

Umpires: J H Hampshire and D R Shepherd.
TV replay umpire: A G T Whitehead. Match referee: C H Lloyd.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
M A Taylor run out (Maynard-Stewart)	19	—	2	121	80
Televison replay — throw from long leg					
M J Slater c Smith b Such	22	—	4	72	60
Inside edge to short leg					
D C Boon lbw b Emburey	0	—	—	10	13
Beaten by turn					
M E Waugh c Thorpe b Ilott	137	—	18	240	219
Half-volley swung high to deep square leg					
*A R Border c Hussain b Such	3	—	—	10	9
Low catch to short slip's right hand					
S R Waugh c Stewart b Bicknell	59	—	6	228	175
Fine edge to wicketkeeper					
†I A Healy c Stewart b Bicknell	80	—	11	140	107
Thick edge to wicketkeeper					
M G Hughes b Bicknell	38	1	2	143	102
Thick inside edge on to stumps					
P R Reiffel b Such	20	—	4	108	89
Bowled between bat and pad					
S K Warne c Stewart b Emburey	10	—	1	43	30
Top edge attempting sweep					
T B A May not out	3	—	—	24	17
Extras (b 7, lb 8, nb 2)	17				
Total (577min, 149.5 overs)	406				

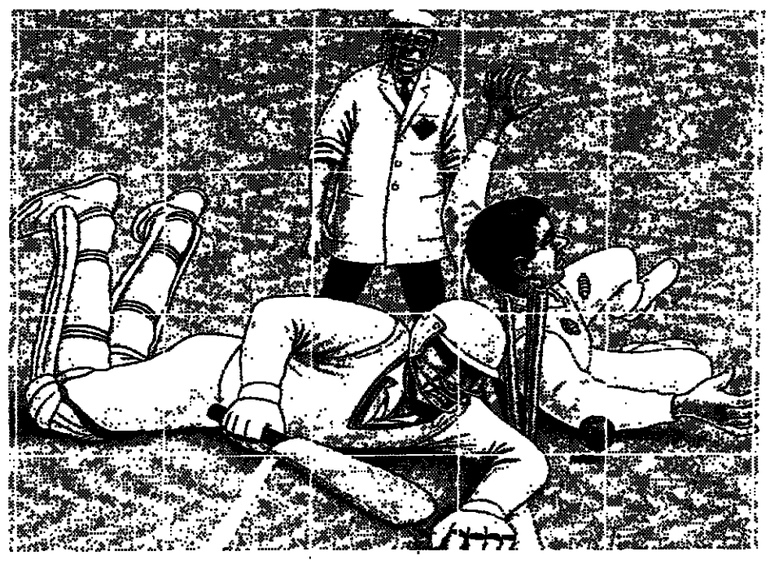
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34 (Taylor 11), 2-39 (Taylor 13), 3-69 (M E Waugh 24), 4-80 (M E Waugh 32), 5-233 (S R Waugh 47), 6-263 (Healy 14), 7-370 (Hughes 34), 8-379 (Reiffel 4), 9-398 (Reiffel 13), 10-460 (May 3).

BOWLING: Bicknell 34-9-99-3 (nb 2); Ilott 24-4-85-1; Such 52.5-18-90-3; Emburey 39-9-119-2.

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
M J Slater not out	7	—	1	23	22
M A Taylor not out	2	—	—	23	14
Total (23min, 6 overs)	9				

BOWLING: Bicknell 2-0-6-0; Such 3-1-3-0; Emburey 1-1-0-0.



Bowling deficiencies exposed again



John Woodcock
At Edgbaston

PLUS ça change, plus c'est la même chose. Despite the new command, England are being outplayed in the fifth Test match, much as they were in three of the first four.

In the ordinary way, when a side is being outclassed as England have been in this series, the cause is relentless fast bowling, much of it intimidatory. The batsmen become shell-shocked.

This time, the Australians have no bowling fast enough to destroy a batsman's nerve. Their confidence accrues instead from being able to bat against the England bowling and it is the thought of facing Shane Warne's harrowing assortment of leg breaks, googlies, top-spinners and flippers that has England's batsmen shaking in their boots.

Against their own bowling, England would probably have enjoyed themselves as much as the Australians have.

Much has been made of England's lack of a fifth bowler in this match, and of their decision to go into it with two off spinners rather than one off spinner and a slow left-armer, and of the choice of Ilott ahead of Watkin.

These are perfectly valid points that were made without the benefit of hindsight. I am not sure, though, that the story would have been very much different had Watkin played as well as Ilott and Bicknell or if Tufnell had been preferred to Emburey.

Watkin's was the most questionable omission, because of his accuracy and the fact that he has been having a good summer. It seemed cussed not to play him, especially when Ilott looked out of his depth.

Mark Waugh made Tufnell's case for him by saying he was pleased not to have to play the ball that leaves the bat during his innings of 137. Waugh is particularly strong on the on side, as most of the best Australian batsmen are.

On the other hand, the 13 Test wickets Tufnell has taken in the last year have cost 63 runs apiece and come at the rate of one every 20 overs, which is almost exactly what Emburey has managed this time.

I always think of Old Trafford in 1956 on these occasions, when Laker, bowling off breaks, took 19 Australian wickets in 68 overs, and Lock, making the ball leave the bat with his left-arm spin, took one in 69.

The selection committee, in so far as there is one, may have erred in going for a second off spinner, but I could see their reasoning, and they would probably have had Gatting's word for it that Emburey was bowling better than Tufnell.

The absence of a fifth specialist bowler made it all the more important for Atherton to make full use of the options he had, and this, for all his diligence, he did not quite do.

England got so hopelessly stuck on Friday afternoon, and again on Saturday, that it seemed perverse not to use Gooch, a perfectly serviceable bowler and a natural swinger.

Even an over or two of Atherton's own leg breaks might have broken the deadlock. But the English stereotype prevailed, which meant that many hands were clapped and nothing much transpired.

We now have a full complement of cricketers who can have little idea of how, albeit at some risk, things used to be made to happen.

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Kent bring delight to Canterbury faithful

By Jack Bailey

CANTERBURY: Kent (4pts) beat Surrey by 54 runs

WHAT with Canterbury week being turned into Canterbury fortnight and the visit of the Australians looming large, they are having their fill of cricket here this year. Yesterday, they packed into St Lawrence Ground (and the Bat and Ball hostelry across the road) and they left having seen a rattling good game.

Even the hefty Surrey contingent were happy enough, despite Kent continuing to rule the roost at the top of the Axa Equity & Law Sunday League and their own chances of advancement having been consequently dimmed. They had witnessed some real endeavour and, unusually in the context of the Sunday slog, seen an unpredictable incident or two.

There was, for instance, the thirteenth over in this competition bowled by the young and fresh-cheeked Duncan Spencer. It was his first over in Surrey's innings and it took the eye. It consisted of nine balls, included a wide and two no-balls, a six and two priceless wickets, those of the redoubtable Lynch and Ward. It also reduced Surrey to 62 for four and was, in every way, the over of the day.

Then there was the fine recovery staged by two Surrey newcomers. Hollioake, with a career best 58, and Kersey added 110 in 22 overs, rescuing Surrey from the depths of 70 for five and keeping them up with the clock, until Kent regained their grip through the bowling of Headley and Fleming.

Kent's formidable 248 for eight owed much to that most adaptable of cricketers, Carl Hooper, who led the charge after Benson's off stump had been sent sailing by Murphy. It was soon Murphy's turn to watch as ball after ball was smashed back past him, dangerously close to head height. Kent were eight for one when Benson was out in the seventh over; 81 for one with 20 overs bowled and Hooper going strong.

Ward took his rhythm from Hooper, matching him four for four once he received the message that Waqar, Murphy and Benjamin could be hit on the up, good length ball or not. It was young Hollioake, the medium-pacer, who reaped the reward of a good spell by Boiling.

Ward was leg-before to Hollioake, having hit seven fours in his 43. Shortly afterwards, Hooper too, was out. Like Ward, he had found the boundary seven times. Boiling justly claimed his wicket, for he was bowling especially well at this juncture, but Taylor was just the man to cash in against the medium-pacers and Fleming was no slouch.

When, finally, Ealham, coming in at number nine, made 32 from 17 balls, hitting Murphy for three huge sixes, the first of them rattling tea cups in the Lord Mayor's tent, Kent's star was in the ascendant.

It was not long before Ealham was to prove his worth as a bowler. After Brown had played on to Igglesden from the second ball of the Surrey innings, Ealham sent Darren Bicknell's middle and off stumps cartwheeling. This happened at precisely the same time as his brother, Martin, was getting out at Edgbaston. It was eerie. It was also bad news for Surrey. After this and Spencer's *tour de force* and the running out of Smith, they were 70 for five from 20 overs and the match almost beyond reach.

SUNDAY TABLE

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Kent (5)	13	9	2	0	2	40
Glamorgan (16)	12	9	2	0	1	38
Surrey (4)	12	7	3	0	2	32
Sussex (11)	12	7	3	1	1	32
Middlesex (1)	12	6	4	1	1	28
Northants (13)	11	6	3	1	1	28
Derbys (13)	12	6	5	0	1	26
Lancs (11)	11	5	3	1	2	26
Warwicks (8)	12	5	6	0	1	22
Yorkshire (15)	11	5	5	0	1	22
Essex (2)	12	5	7	0	0	20
Hampshire (3)	11	3	5	0	3	18
Leics (18)	11	4	6	0	1	18
Worcs (7)	12	3	6	1	2	18
Durham (8)	12	3	7	0	2	16
Gloucs (6)	11	3	6	1	1	16
Notts (17)	12	3	9	0	0	12
Somerset (5)	11	1	8	0	2	8

(last season's positions in parentheses)

Torn apart by suicide blond

Simon Barnes dissects the *unusual qualities* of England's principal tormentor in this summer's Ashes series



Confident appeal: Warne turns to the umpire in anticipation of another English wicket at Edgbaston yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Shane Warne, the suicide blond — dyed by his own hand — has done it again. Yesterday, he called a crisis into being. It was a crisis that more or less ruled out England's hopes of a draw, and it took place in a burst of three wickets for six runs in six hot overs before lunch.

That is Warne's great gift: to exploit the sense of crisis. It is the very essence of the match-winning bowler's art: an ability to entrap an entire cricket ground — your fielders, the batsmen, the umpires and the spectators all — in a web of disaster.

An extraordinary fellow, this Warne. He mixes the eternal mysteries of leg spin with a name straight out of *Neighbours*. Never one to bear the enigmatic countenance traditionally worn by the purveyors of his craft, he is a heart-on-sleeve appealer, as intense and as emotional as any fast bowler that ever drew breath.

Nor is he truly subtle. He does not seek to entrap each batsman in a web of deceit, building up the tensions with bluff and counter-bluff. He just runs in and rips it, like a quickie trying to kill the batsman with every single delivery.

Each extravagant, wildly turning leg-spinner is Warne's own kind of throat-ball, intended as an utterly destructive ball, aimed viciously at the batsman's mind. Tim May, his off-spinning colleague, is a classic worker and whittler, a man of guile and patience, who was Warne's perfect complement. May tweaked it; Warne ripped it.

Robin Smith's mind-scrambled performance against him was positively Keatonesque. It was finally terminated by the umpire more on aesthetic grounds than any serious likelihood that the ball would have hit off stump. Alec Stewart was roasted and burned with a leg spinner; again a few eyebrows were raised at the decision. There is, perhaps, a desire in umpires to give brilliance its due reward. And it is a part of a great bowler's crisis-management.

In between the two came the ball that did for Graham Gooch, and with it, almost certainly, for England. The ball did not so much beat him as virtually dismember him. He was bowled behind his back, clean missing with both pads as he attempted to pad up. A protractor on the pitch might have read the angle of turn at 90 degrees or even more: Warne pushes the laws of physics to their limit.

He has also taken cricket's dress code into new and exciting areas, wearing more zinc cream on cloudy days than when the sun is out. He always steps on to the pitch looking as if he had just woken up after passing out in the ice-cream.

He affects that *bête noire* of modern cricket, the eejit's sunglasses, but, to his lasting credit, he seldom actually wears them — and then only in overcast weather when there are five lights shining from the scoreboard light meter. No, Warne wears sun glasses on his hat, which is about as smart as wearing your shoes on your ears, and every bit as attractive.

He looks less like a professional athlete than some members of the press-box, with his puddingy face and his amply-insulated frame. Warne proves what is proved again and again — that the game is a vehicle of excellence for all sorts of men.

Phil Edmonds, another singular fellow, once said: "Mentally, my stock ball pitches leg and hits the top of off." He was, of course, exaggerating wildly. But with Shane Warne, this is literally true. Well, actually, his stock ball pitches a couple of feet *outside* leg before making the cobra-lunge at the off stick. Such extravagance with such extraordinary control is more or less unheard of in cricket.

To give him yet more credit, he did, for once, lose control in the first innings and his full-bungers and near-double-bouncers got walloped. He came back to cause England total dismay.

He is the man of the series, in the wickets he has taken and in the seeds of self-doubt he has sown among the England side. From the first ball he bowled, he has had them in a state of shattered disbelief. How can a refugee from *Neighbours* win the Ashes? But he has.

Middlesex bowlers pave path to the top prize

By Ivo Tennant

THROUGH beating Leicestershire conclusively on Saturday, Middlesex gained their ninth victory in 12 championship matches. So who can prevent them becoming Britannic Assurance champions now? Given that they have merely five remaining matches, only themselves.

Even without Emburey, catalyst of much of their best cricket this season, their opponents were defeated by an innings and 184 runs. For this match, Leicestershire brought back one player, Millns, who had recovered from rupturing an Achilles tendon, only for another, Briers, to have to be taken to hospital with the same injury: this, just as he and Whitaker were making a decent fist of their second innings.

Fraser bowled out Leicestershire in their first innings. On Saturday, virtually every bowler brought on by Gatting took a wicket or more. That is how prospective champions perform. Of the remaining matches Middlesex have, three are against counties in the bottom half of the table.

Glamorgan remain in pursuit, having also won in three days. At Cardiff they beat Warwickshire by two wickets and, since this was their third victory in four championship matches, they are clearly not going to concede anything to Middlesex until it is mathematically impossible to overtake them. Morris took the plaudits. His innings of 54, the only score of note, was made in spite of blows on helmet, arm, hand and knee.

Meantime, Surrey will have to tempt Kent into chasing runs at Canterbury if they are to remain in contention for the championship. They lead by 133 with nine wickets in hand and, even though Ward, Hooper and Fleming, quick scorers all, are among the opposition, have little choice but to declare in good time today.

Otherwise, Gloucestershire gained their first victory of the season through beating Lancashire at Cheltenham. Hence they avoided becoming the fourth county since the war to go through a season without winning a championship match. Walsh, captain since mid-season, bowled them to victory.

Morris and Dale keep Glamorgan in pole position

By Ivo Tennant

IT IS becoming increasingly difficult to envisage any county other than Glamorgan winning the Axa Equity & Law League, for they are in remarkable form. Yesterday they beat Warwickshire by four wickets with two overs to spare, for their ninth successive win. They have, crucially, a match in hand over Kent, the leaders.

A half-century by Dale and 46 by Morris, equally well-constructed, were the prominent innings in their victory. That they had some difficulty in reaching a Warwickshire total of 163 for eight — better than might have appeared, given that the pitch was a slow one — was because Richards, Cottey and Jones, the 21-year-old son of the coach, were out in quick succession. Metson cut the final ball of the forty-eighth over to the boundary to bring about victory.

Keen ground fielding, tight bowling by Lefebvre and excellent catching had restricted Warwickshire earlier in the day. There were three wickets for Croft, including that of Twose, who was threatening to make a match-winning score. Already the season looks like ending in a fitting climax: Glamorgan play Kent, who a month hence are still likely to be their strongest challengers, at Canterbury on September 19.

Elsewhere, there were notable performances by counties for whom the remainder of the season does not promise so much. Fowler made his best Sunday score of 124 against Derbyshire, helping Durham to win by 112 runs. He put on 184 with Parker, who made 92, their side reaching 281 for two, their highest total in the competition.

At Hove, a hat-trick by Illingworth and 66 by Hick could not prevent Worcestershire from being beaten by Sussex by 29 runs. In the Sussex innings, Wells made 86, putting on 125 in 25 overs for the third wicket with Athey, who struck 64. That looked to be sufficient until Illingworth removed Lenham, Pigott and Giddins in successive balls, finishing with four for 37.

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SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Middlesex v Leicestershire

LORD'S *(third day of four): Middlesex (24pts) beat Leicestershire (1) by an innings and 184 runs*

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 551 for 5 dec (M A Roseberry 185, M W Gatting 121, M R Ramprakash 83, J D Carr 74 not out)

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 114 (A R C Fraser 7-40)

Second Innings

T J Boon lbw b Feltham ... 2
*N E Briers retired hurt ... 33
J J Whitaker c Tufnell b Feltham ... 42
V J Wells c Dutch b Williams ... 7
P E Robinson c Carr b Tufnell ... 21
L Potter b Feltham ... 19
†P A Nixon run out ... 32
G J Parsons b Tufnell ... 0
W K M Benjamin c Haynes b Ramprakash ... 63
A R K Pierson lbw b Fraser ... 3
D J Millns not out ... 8
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 16) ... 23
Total ... 253

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-90, 3-104, 4-132, 5-169, 6-173, 7-185, 8-198, 9-253.

BOWLING: Feltham 15-3-40-3; Fraser 21-6-56-1; Tufnell 27-8-57-2; Dutch 5-1-18-0; Williams 18-2-54-1; Ramprakash 3.4-0-22-1

Umpires J D Bond and B Leadbeater.

Glamorgan v Warwickshire

CARDIFF *(third day of four). Glamorgan (20pts) beat Warwickshire (4) by two wickets*

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 125 (A Dale 6-18, S D Thomas 4-49)

Second Innings 248 (J D Ratcliffe 68, Asif Din 66, D A Reeve 57)

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 184 (R D B Croft 54; M A V Bell 5-86)

Second Innings

S P James c Small b Smith ... 10
*H Morris c and b Booth ... 54
A Dale c Piper b Small ... 0
I V A Richards c Booth b Smith ... 8
P A Cottey c Booth b Smith ... 1
R D B Croft c Reeve b Booth ... 18
†C P Metson c Piper b Smith ... 3
R P Lefebvre not out ... 9
D L Hemp c Ostler b Small ... 2
S D Thomas not out ... 2
Extras (b 7, lb 3, w 1, nb 14) ... 25
TOTAL (8 wkts) ... 138

S L Watkin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-37, 2-38, 3-51, 4-53, 5-81, 6-91, 7-116, 8-123.

BOWLING: Small 21-4-43-2, Bell 8 5-2-34-0, Smith 10-2-35-4, Reeve 1-1-0-0; Booth 14-5-16-2

Umpires G I Burgess and G Sharp

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY *(third day of four): Surrey, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 133 runs ahead of Kent*

SURREY: First Innings 464 (A D Brown 141, D J Bicknell 119, D M Ward 61; M A Ealham 4-100, C Penn 4-121)

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out ... 53
P D Atkins c Fulton b Penn ... 5
D M Ward not out ... 69
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 4) ... 9
Total (1 wkt) ... 136

FALL OF WICKET: 1-17

BOWLING: Penn 6-0-18-1, Ealham 3-0-11-0; Hooper 19-5-51-0, Patel 16-3-51-0

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Kersey b Benjamin ... 0
*M R Benson b Benjamin ... 61
T R Ward c Kersey b Benjamin ... 141
C L Hooper lbw b Benjamin ... 81
N R Taylor b Waqar ... 30
N J Llong b Benjamin ... 0
M V Fleming c Bicknell b Murphy ... 0
†S A Marsh c Murphy b Kendrick ... 31
M A Ealham c and b Kendrick ... 54
C Penn c Brown b Kendrick ... 23
M M Patel not out ... 3
Extras (b 9, lb 15, w 1, nb 18) ... 43
Total ... 467

Score at 120 overs. 450-9.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-3, 2-153, 3-301, 4-316, 5-318, 6-333, 7-351, 8-407, 9-450

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 25-2-98-1, Benjamin 31-9-114-5, Murphy 40-9-118-1; Kendrick 23.2-4-81-3; Smith 4-1-32-0

Bonus points: Kent 6, Surrey 8.

Umpires V A Holder and A A Jones.

Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(third day of four): Yorkshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, need 326 runs to beat Nottinghamshire*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 316 (C L Cairns 92, W A Dessaur 62)

Second Innings

P R Pollard b Stemp ... 0
M Saxelby b Hartley ... 7
†B N French lbw b Hartley ... 12
W A Dessaur lbw b Batty ... 49
P Johnson c Batty b Stemp ... 101
*R T Robinson b Stemp ... 22
C L Cairns b Stemp ... 44
C C Lewis c Blakey b Stemp ... 3
K P Evans lbw b Batty ... 15
J A Afford not out ... 2
M G Field-Buss absent hurt ... 0
Extras (lb 2, nb 2) ... 4
Total ... 259

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-1, 2-19, 3-20, 4-165, 5-186, 6-206, 7-216, 8-239, 9-259

BOWLING. Gough 19-7-44-0; Stemp 39 5-14-89-5; Hartley 14-6-36-2, Robinson 11-2-44-0; Batty 18-4-44-2.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 240 (K P Evans 6-67)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon b Lewis ... 3
A P Grayson not out ... 2
R D Stemp not out ... 3
Extras (nb 2) ... 2
Total (1 wkt) ... 10

FALL OF WICKET: 1-4

BOWLING: Lewis 2.4-0-6-1; Evans 2-0-4-0

Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 7, Yorkshire 5.

Umpires: D J Constant and J W Holder

Sussex v Worcestershire

HOVE *(third day of four). Worcestershire, with two second-innings wickets in hand, are 122 runs ahead of Sussex*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 253 (T S Curtis 107, M J Weston 51)

Second Innings

*T S Curtis b North ... 28
M J Weston c Smith b North ... 59
G A Hick c Moores b North ... 21
D B D'Oliveira c Smith b Hemmings ... 17
D A Leatherdale b Hemmings ... 14
S R Lampitt c Smith b Hemmings ... 18
†S J Rhodes c Moores b Salisbury ... 32
P J Newport not out ... 64
C M Tolley c Moores b Giddens ... 10
Extras (b 5, lb 8, nb 2) ... 15
Total (8 wkts) ... 293

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-111, 3-116, 4-142, 5-167, 6-174, 7-243, 8-293

BOWLING: Giddens 9.3-0-54-1; Law 11-2-30-0; North 17-7-32-3; Lenham 10-1-26-0; Hemmings 40-15-55-3, Salisbury 23-6-83-1.

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Hick b Tolley ... 20
C W J Athey b Lampitt ... 81
D M Smith c Rhodes b Weston ... 58
*A P Wells c Rhodes b Newport ... 133
M P Speight c Curtis b Tolley ... 72
J A North c Leatherdale b Newport ... 3
†P Moores c Rhodes b Hick ... 8
I D K Salisbury c Illingworth b Tolley ... 22
D R Law b Newport ... 0
E E Hemmings b Tolley ... 0
E S H Giddins not out ... 0
Extras (b 4, lb 18, w 1, nb 4) ... 27
Total ... 424

Score at 120 overs: 363-5

FALL OF WICKETS 1-47, 2-164, 3-213, 4-340, 5-343, 6-366, 7-420, 8-420, 9-424

BOWLING: Benjamin 18-3-65-0; Tolley 36 5-9-90-4, Newport 31-7-83-3, Illingworth 17-5-49-0; Lampitt 17-3-48-1, Hick 12-4-39-1, Weston 8-4-15-1; D'Oliveira 2-0-13-0

Bonus points: Sussex 8, Worcestershire 4.

Umpires: G A Stickley and P B Wight.

Durham v Derbyshire

DURHAM UNIVERSITY *(third day of four): Derbyshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 89 runs ahead of Durham*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 322 (F A Griffith 56, A S Rollins 52, R W Sladdin 51 not out, S J E Brown 4-68)

Second Innings

P D Bowler c Graveney b Cummins ... 5
J E Morris not out ... 41
*C J Adams c and b Brown ... 5
A S Rollins not out ... 15
Extras ... 0
Total (2 wkts) ... 66

FALL OF WICKETS 1-22, 2-33.

BOWLING: Cummins 10-4-20-1; Brown 9-3-32-1, Graveney 3-0-3-0; Lugsden 3-0-11-0.

DURHAM: First Innings

G Fowler c Krikken b Sladdin ... 54
W Larkins lbw b Mortensen ... 21
P W G Parker lbw b Base ... 3
S Hutton c Base b Mortensen ... 57
P Bainbridge c and b Base ... 78
A C Cummins lbw b Mortensen ... 4
P J Berry lbw b Mortensen ... 0
†C W Scott lbw b Mortensen ... 0
*D A Graveney c Rollins b Base ... 3
S J E Brown lbw b Vandrau ... 31
S Lugsden not out ... 5
Extras (lb 3, nb 40) ... 43
Total (83 overs) ... 299

FALL OF WICKETS 1-45, 2-71, 3-79, 4-205, 5-209, 6-213, 7-213, 8-231, 9-260

BOWLING: Mortensen 18-2-55-5; Base 16-1-98-3; Griffith 7 4-3-16-0; Sladdin 22.2-7-65-1; Vandrau 10-0-40-1; Adams 9-2-22-0.

Bonus points. Durham 6, Derbyshire 7.

Umpires. H D Bird and R A White

Gloucestershire v Lancashire

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE *(third day of four): Gloucestershire (24pts) beat Lancashire (5) by nine wickets*

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 294 (G D Mendis 81, W K Hegg 59)

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Russell b Walsh ... 15
J P Crawley c Russell b Walsh ... 2
N J Speak c Dawson b Cooper ... 7
G D Lloyd c Broad b Walsh ... 1
Wasim Akram c Walsh b Babington ... 25
P A J DeFreitas c Dawson b Alleyne ... 12
*N H Fairbrother c Dawson b Babington ... 38
†W K Hegg c Broad b Babington ... 49
I D Austin b Walsh ... 10
P J Martin not out ... 29
A A Barnett c Dawson b Walsh ... 9
Extras (b 2, lb 4, nb 10) ... 16
Total ... 213

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-5, 2-16, 3-17, 4-44, 5-67, 6-69, 7-138, 8-161, 9-187

BOWLING Walsh 19.2-2-83-5, Cooper 9.3-19-1; Alleyne 6-2-22-1; Babington 15-4-51-3, Davies 7-3-24-0, Hancock 2-1-8-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

G D Hodgson c Hegg b Barnett ... 38
S G Hinks c Lloyd b DeFreitas ... 64
R I Dawson c Hegg b DeFreitas ... 13
B C Broad c Fairbrother b DeFreitas ... 0
M W Alleyne not out ... 142
T H C Hancock c Crawley b Wasim ... 59
†R C Russell b Barnett ... 22
M Davies c Hegg b Wasim ... 1
*C A Walsh c Mendis b DeFreitas ... 12
K E Cooper c DeFreitas b Austin ... 52
A M Babington c Hegg b DeFreitas ... 0
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 2, nb 30) ... 47
Total ... 450

Score at 120 overs 389-8.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-76, 2-116, 3-120, 4-131, 5-238, 6-293, 7-306, 8-337, 9-442.

BOWLING Wasim Akram 32-6-92-2, DeFreitas 33 3-7-104-5, Austin 18-0-66-1; Martin 21-1-75-0, Barnett 29-4-98-2

Second Innings

G D Hodgson not out ... 28
S G Hinks c Lloyd b Martin ... 15
R I Dawson not out ... 7
Extras (lb 3, w 1, nb 4) ... 8
Total (1 wkt) ... 58

FALL OF WICKET: 1-40.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 5-0-24-0; Wasim Akram 2-0-6-0; Martin 5-1-12-1; Austin 1.2-0-13-0

Umpires B Dudleston and M J Kitchen

Northamptonshire v Essex

NORTHAMPTON *(third day of four): Northamptonshire (24pts) beat Essex (6) by eight wickets*

ESSEX: First Innings 286 (J P Stephenson 95, P J Prichard 61; C E L Ambrose 4-35)

Second Innings

N V Knight c Loye b Ambrose ... 10
J P Stephenson retired hurt ... 11
*P J Prichard c Penberthy b Ambrose ... 0
Salim Malik c Bailey b Taylor ... 3
J J B Lewis c Ripley b Taylor ... 7
N Shahid not out ... 69
†M A Garnham c Ripley b Curran ... 0
D R Pringle lbw b Curran ... 4
T D Topley c Ripley b Ambrose ... 5
S J W Andrew c Penberthy b Taylor ... 5
J H Childs c Fordham b Curran ... 23
Extras (b 2, lb 3, w 2) ... 7
Total ... 146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-23, 4-31, 5-46, 6-60, 7-115, 8-115, 9-146

BOWLING. Ambrose 20-8-39-3, Taylor 18-4-53-3, Curran 6 5-1-22-1, Penberthy 8-1-27-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 370 (A Fordham 160, A J Lamb 52)

Second Innings

A Fordham lbw b Pringle ... 8
N A Felton not out ... 14
R J Bailey c Salim b Andrew ... 29
*A J Lamb not out ... 4
Extras (lb 1, nb 4) ... 5
Total (2 wkts) ... 64

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-10, 2-58

BOWLING: Pringle 8-2-23-1; Topley 9-1-34-0; Andrew 1.3-1-6-1

Umpires. B J Meyer and D O Oslear

Under-19 match

England v West Indies

CHELMSFORD *(England won toss): England Under-19 beat West Indies Under-19 by 140 runs*

ENGLAND UNDER-19

M P Dowman b Stuart ... 8
M P Vaughan c Coley b Givance ... 58
M J Walker c Coley b Chanderpaul ... 84
J A Daley c Chanderpaul b Ballram ... 32
R J Cunliffe not out ... 22
J I D Kerr run out ... 7
A Payne c Ballram b Stuart ... 0
R J Rollins not out ... 3
Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 6, nb 8) ... 29
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs) ... 241

J A L Henderson, N C Phillips and G Keedy did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS 1-37, 2-132, 3-206, 4-210, 5-227, 6-234.

BOWLING. Stuart 8-2-26-2, Dillon 4-0-24-0, Bradshaw 3-0-21-0, Lewis 11-0-33-0, Givance 11-0-41-1; Chanderpaul 10-0-43-1, Ballram 8-1-38-1

WEST INDIES UNDER-19

A Ballram c Vaughan b Keedy ... 30
M Ventura c Payne b Kerr ... 1
R Griffith b Henderson ... 3
S Chanderpaul run out ... 16
A Percival c Henderson b Phillips ... 1
I Bradshaw c Rollins b Phillips ... 13
A Givance c Walker b Keedy ... 0
R Lewis b Vaughan ... 18
A Coley c Daley b Keedy ... 0
C Stuart run out ... 6
M Dillon not out ... 1
Extras (lb 3, w 7, nb 2) ... 12
Total (37.5 overs) ... 101

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-18, 3-41, 4-51, 5-61, 6-63, 7-78, 8-85, 9-96.

BOWLING. Kerr 5-0-26-1 Henderson 7.5-2-15-1 Keedy 11-3-23-3 Phillips 11-2-29-2 Vaughan 3-1-5-1.

Umpires. R Palmer and P Willey

THIRD TEST: OLD TRAFFORD: South Africa U-17 230 (J Kallis 126 not out) and 50-2, England U-17 225-7 dec (C Schofield 54, K Innes 68) (includes yesterday's play)

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Axa Equity & Law League

Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by six wickets*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

P R Pollard c and b Hartley ... 12
P Johnson b Hartley ... 56
*R T Robinson b Robinson ... 83
C L Cairns run out ... 28
C C Lewis b Gough ... 65
G W Mike c Byas b Hartley ... 0
M P Dowman b Hartley ... 6
R T Bates not out ... 0
†B N French b Gough ... 6
R A Pick not out ... 0
Extras (b 4, nb 2) ... 6
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) ... 261

D B Pennett did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-75, 3-142, 4-233, 5-236, 6-249, 7-251, 8-257.

BOWLING: Hartley 10-0-54-4; Gough 8-1-59-2; Robinson 10-1-47-1, Foster 4-0-21-0; Stemp 10-0-40-0; Grayson 8-0-36-0.

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon c Johnson b Mike ... 14
D Byas c Cairns b Pennett ... 21
R B Richardson c and b Mike ... 103
A P Grayson b Dowman ... 32
†R J Blakey not out ... 57
C White not out ... 27
Extras (lb 5, w 5) ... 10
Total (4 wkts, 49.4 overs) ... 264

M J Foster, P J Hartley, D Gough, R D Stemp and M A Robinson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-42, 3-128, 4-192.

BOWLING: Lewis 10-2-29-0; Pick 10-0-49-0; Mike 9 4-0-65-2, Pennett 4-0-26-1; Bates 10-0-48-0; Dowman 6-0-42-1.

Umpires D J Constant and J W Holder

Gloucestershire v Lancashire

CHELTENHAM *(Lancashire won toss) Gloucestershire (2pts) tied with Lancashire (2)*

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

B C Broad c Hegg b Austin ... 44
S G Hinks c Wasim b DeFreitas ... 92
M G N Windows c Crawley b Watkinson 6
M W Alleyne c Fairbrother b Watkinson 16
T H C Hancock c Crawley b DeFreitas ... 3
R J Scott b Wasim ... 9
†R C Russell c Hegg b DeFreitas ... 0
*C A Walsh b Yates ... 1
M Davies c Hegg b Austin ... 4
A M Smith not out ... 0
A M Babington b Wasim ... 3
Extras (lb 10, w 10, nb 4) 24
Total (47.2 overs) ... 202

FALL OF WICKETS 1-102, 2-123, 3-169, 4-178, 5-180, 6-182, 7-183, 8-199, 9-199.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-0-31-3; Austin 9-1-33-2; Wasim Akram 8.2-0-40-2; Watkinson 10-0-56-2; Yates 10-1-32-1

LANCASHIRE

J P Crawley c Russell b Babington ... 6
S P Titchard b Walsh ... 5
G D Lloyd c Hancock b Scott ... 12
*N H Fairbrother c Hinks b Davies ... 81
N J Speak b Alleyne ... 30
Wasim Akram run out ... 34
M Watkinson c Babington b Alleyne ... 11
P A J DeFreitas c Russell b Walsh ... 1
†W K Hegg c Russell b Alleyne ... 8
I D Austin run out ... 1
G Yates not out ... 1
Extras (lb 3, w 5, nb 4) ... 12
Total (50 overs) ... 202

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-12, 3-45, 4-123, 5-177, 6-181, 7-185, 8-200, 9-200

BOWLING: Babington 10-1-28-1; Walsh 10-1-38-2; Scott 10-0-46-1; Smith 10-1-34-0, Alleyne 9-0-42-3; Davies 1-0-11-1.

Umpires. B Dudleston and M J Kitchen

Sussex v Worcestershire

HOVE *(Sussex won toss): Sussex (4pts) beat Worcestershire by 29 runs*

SUSSEX

D M Smith lbw b Newport ... 3
M P Speight lbw b Haynes ... 32
C W J Athey c and b Weston ... 64
*A P Wells c Lampitt b Tolley ... 86
F D Stephenson run out ... 6
K Greenfield c Curtis b Tolley ... 14
†P Moores b Illingworth ... 34
N J Lenham st Rhodes b Illingworth ... 9
I D K Salisbury not out ... 6
A C S Pigott b Illingworth ... 0
E S H Giddins lbw b Illingworth ... 0
Extras (lb 4, w 3) ... 7
Total (48.4 overs) ... 261

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-20, 2-40, 3-165, 4-181, 5-198, 6-240, 7-250, 8-261, 9-261

BOWLING. Newport 9-0-39-1, Haynes 10-1-42-1; Weston 10-0-49-1; Lampitt 6-0-35-0; Illingworth 5.4-0-37-4; Tolley 8-0-55-2

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T S Curtis c Smith b Pigott ... 30
D B D'Oliveira c Salisbury b Stephenson 11
G A Hick c Lenham b Giddins ... 66
D A Leatherdale c Greenfield b Salisbury 13
†S J Rhodes lbw b Greenfield ... 24
M J Weston c Wells b Stephenson ... 35
G R Haynes b Greenfield ... 7
S R Lampitt b Stephenson ... 2
R K Illingworth b Greenfield ... 22
C M Tolley not out ... 5
P J Newport b Giddins ... 3
Extras (b 4, lb 2, w 8) ... 14
Total (48.3 overs) ... 232

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-72, 3-89, 4-144, 5-158, 6-170, 7-173, 8-216, 9-226.

BOWLING: Stephenson 10-1-36-3; Giddins 9.3-0-46-2; Lenham 5-0-37-0; Pigott 10-0-39-1, Salisbury 4-0-24-1, Greenfield 10-1-44-3

Umpires. P B Wight and G A Stickley

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY *(Surrey won toss): Kent (4pts) beat Surrey by 54 runs*

KENT

T R Ward lbw b Hollioake ... 43
*M R Benson b Murphy ... 3
C L Hooper st Kersey b Boiling ... 51
N R Taylor c Brown b Boiling ... 36
N J Llong c Kersey b Hollioake ... 2
M V Fleming b Benjamin ... 24
†S A Marsh c Lynch b Murphy ... 15
M A Ealham b Waqar ... 32
D J Spencer not out ... 16
D W Headley not out ... 4
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 11) ... 22
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) ... 248

A P Igglesden did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-8, 2-98, 3-111, 4-118, 5-162, 6-187, 7-189, 8-244

BOWLING: Murphy 10-3-54-2; Benjamin 10-2-37-1; Waqar Younis 10-1-43-1; Hollioake 10-0-44-2; Boiling 10-0-58-2.

SURREY

D J Bicknell b Ealham ... 21
A D Brown b Igglesden ... 0
D M Ward b Spencer ... 28
*M A Lynch c Fleming b Spencer ... 9
A W Smith run out ... 2
A J Hollioake lbw b Headley ... 58
†G J Kersey c Benson b Headley ... 49
Waqar Younis c Spencer b Fleming ... 6
J E Benjamin c Llong b Fleming ... 1
J Boiling not out ... 2
A J Murphy lbw b Headley ... 0
Extras (b 2, lb 2, w 8, nb 8) ... 20
Total (45.1 overs) ... 194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-39, 3-59, 4-62, 5-70, 6-180, 7-191, 8-192, 9-192.

BOWLING: Igglesden 10-2-47-1; Ealham 8-2-27-1. Headley 9.1-0-32-3. Spencer 4-1-29-2; Hooper 6-0-23-0, Fleming 8-0-32-2.

Umpires V A Holder and A A Jones.

Durham v Derbyshire

DURHAM UNIVERSITY *(Durham won toss): Durham (4pts) beat Derbyshire by 112 runs*

DURHAM

G Fowler run out ... 124
W Larkins retired hurt ... 1
P W G Parker run out ... 92
P Bainbridge not out ... 34
S Hutton not out ... 8
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 7, nb 4) ... 22
Total (2 wkts, 50 overs) ... 281

I Smith, A C Cummins, †C W Scott, *D A Graveney, S P Hughes and S J E Brown did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-204, 2-267.

BOWLING: Malcolm 10-0-52-0; Base 10-1-54-0; Mortensen 8-1-25-0; Adams 9-0-51-0; Sladdin 7-0-42-0, Vandrau 6-0-46-0.

DERBYSHIRE

P D Bowler c Hughes b Bainbridge ... 32
C J Adams c Scott b Cummins ... 16
*J E Morris c Scott b Bainbridge ... 17
T J G O'Gorman c Hughes b Bainbridge 31
A S Rollins b Graveney ... 31
M J Vandrau st Scott b Graveney ... 7
†K M Krikken c Hughes b Graveney ... 1
S J Base c Parker b Brown ... 4
R W Sladdin b Cummins ... 16
O H Mortensen c Scott b Brown ... 0
D E Malcolm not out ... 5
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 2) ... 9
Total (44 overs) ... 169

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-59, 3-76, 4-112, 5-140, 6-144, 7-144, 8-148, 9-148

BOWLING: Hughes 7-0-30-0, Cummins 7-0-28-2; Bainbridge 10-0-36-3; Brown 10-1-35-2; Graveney 10-1-35-3

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White.

Middlesex v Leicestershire

LORD'S *(Leicestershire won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Leicestershire by eight wickets*

LEICESTERSHIRE

T J Boon c Carr b Tufnell ... 13
*J J Whitaker st Brown b Tufnell ... 78
V J Wells lbw b Tufnell ... 0
J Dakin st Brown b Ramprakash ... 27
P E Robinson c Carr b Ramprakash ... 2
B F Smith b Ramprakash ... 27
J D R Benson b Tufnell ... 2
†P A Nixon c Brown b Tufnell ... 6
G J Parsons not out ... 6
A R K Pierson c Brown b Ramprakash. 1
D J Millns b Ramprakash ... 7
Extras (lb 5, w 5) ... 10
Total (49 overs) ... 179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-52, 3-98, 4-106, 5-138, 6-144, 7-162, 8-162, 9-168

BOWLING: Fraser 7-2-17-0. Feltham 7-1-24-0; Cowans 10-0-45-0; Tufnell 10-3-28-5, Keech 7-0-22-0, Ramprakash 8-1-38-5.

MIDDLESEX

D L Haynes c Nixon b Millns ... 1
M A Roseberry c and b Pierson ... 47
M R Ramprakash not out ... 89
J D Carr not out ... 23
Extras (b 6, lb 3, w 12, nb 2) ... 23
Total (2 wkts, 46 overs) ... 183

*M W Gatting, †K R Brown, M A Feltham, M Keech, A R C Fraser, N G Cowans and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-127.

BOWLING: Parsons 10-3-24-0. Millns 8-0-45-1; Dakin 7-0-22-0; Wells 9-1-40-0, Pierson 10-1-28-1; Benson 2-0-15-0

Umpires J D Bond and B Leadbeater

Glamorgan v Warwickshire

NEATH *(Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan (4pts) beat Warwickshire by four wickets*

WARWICKSHIRE

J D Ratcliffe b Lefebvre ... 1
Asif Din c Cottey b Lefebvre ... 2
D P Ostler c Dale b Croft ... 27
*D A Reeve c Barwick b Croft ... 22
A J Moles c Dale b Croft ... 12
R G Twose c Lefebvre b Dale ... 34
T L Penney b Barwick ... 28
N M K Smith c and b Richards ... 6
†M Burns not out ... 23
M A V Bell not out ... 6
Extras (lb 2) ... 2
Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) ... 163

T A Munton did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-18, 3-44, 4-52, 5-89, 6-114, 7-127, 8-138

BOWLING: Watkin 8-1-28-0, Lefebvre 10-3-22-2; Barwick 10-2-30-1; Croft 10-1-38-3, Dale 9-1-30-1; Richards 3-0-13-1

GLAMORGAN

S P James run out ... 14
*H Morris c Ostler b Bell ... 46
A Dale c and b Ratcliffe ... 54
I V A Richards c Ratcliffe b Smith ... 2
P A Cottey c Twose b Ratcliffe ... 14
R D B Croft not out ... 6
A J Jones lbw b Twose ... 3
†C P Metson not out ... 6
Extras (b 3, lb 7, w 9) ... 19
Total (6 wkts, 48 overs) ... 164

R P Lefebvre, S L Watkin and S R Barwick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-86, 3-101, 4-143, 5-150, 6-155.

BOWLING: Reeve 7-0-20-0; Munton 8-0-28-0; Bell 10-0-40-1, Smith 10-0-27-1, Twose 7-1-25-1, Asif Din 1-0-3-0, Ratcliffe 5-0-11-2

Umpires. R Julian and G I Burgess

Northamptonshire v Essex

NORTHAMPTON *(Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Essex by 134 runs*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham b Topley ... 50
M B Loye c Pringle b Childs ... 44
R J Bailey not out ... 58
*A J Lamb c Garnham b Boden ... 24
K M Curran run out ... 0
R J Warren not out ... 44
Extras (lb 5, w 6, nb 10) ... 21
Total (4 wkts, 50 overs) ... 241

†D Ripley, J N Snape, C E L Ambrose, J P Taylor and N G B Cook did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105, 2-125, 3-168, 4-168.

BOWLING: Andrew 10-1-39-0, Pringle 10-2-40-0; Boden 10-0-54-1; Topley 10-1-68-1, Childs 10-1-35-1

ESSEX

*P J Prichard c Lamb b Taylor ... 4
N V Knight c Ripley b Ambrose ... 1
N Shahid lbw b Cook ... 11
Salim Malik st Ripley b Cook ... 9
D R Pringle c Ripley b Curran ... 20
J J B Lewis c Fordham b Cook ... 15
†M A Garnham c Bailey b Snape ... 9
T D Topley c Fordham b Snape ... 7
D J P Boden b Bailey ... 2
S J W Andrew c Curran b Snape ... 9
J H Childs not out ... 0
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 13) ... 20
Total (34.2 overs) ... 107

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-19, 3-39, 4-40, 5-68, 6-88, 7-89, 8-96, 9-106

BOWLING: Taylor 4-1-25-1, Ambrose 6-3-8-1. Curran 6-1-23-1; Cook 10-0-17-3; Snape 7-2-25-3, Bailey 1.2-0-2-1.

Umpires. B J Meyer and D O Oslear.

Third test

Sri Lanka v India

COLOMBO *(fourth day of five). Sri Lanka, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 37 runs ahead of India*

SRI LANKA: First Innings 351 (P A de Silva 148, A P Gurusinha 56, H P Tillekeratne 51)

Second Innings

R S Mahanama not out ... 67
U C Hathurusinghe c sub b Raju ... 22
A P Gurusinha not out ... 34
Extras (b 8, lb 2, nb 1) ... 9
Total (1 wkt) ... 132

Bowling. Dev 9-4-12-0, Prabhakar 12-3-25-0, Kumble 11-4-17-0, Raju 18-3-39-1, Chauhan 16-2-31-0

INDIA: First Innings

M Prabhakar c Jayasuriya b Wickremasinghe ... 55
N S Sidhu c Kaluwitharana b Wickremasinghe ... 39
V G Kambli lbw b Warnaweera ... 120
S R Tendulkar c Ranatunga b Hathurusinghe ... 71
*M Azharuddin c Wickremasinghe b Muralitharan ... 50
P K Amre c Kaluwitharana b Wickremasinghe ... 21
A Kumble b Muralitharan ... 9
Kapil Dev lbw b Warnaweera ... 27
†K S More c and b Muralitharan ... 4
R K Chauhan not out ... 15
S L V Raju c Jayasuriya b Muralitharan . 1
Extras (b 5, lb 12, w 1, nb 16) ... 34
Total ... 446

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-109, 3-271, 4-334, 5-384, 6-388, 7-397, 8-409, 9-437

BOWLING Wickremasinghe 38-8-95-3 Gurusinha 11-1-27-0; Warnaweera 23-2-86-2; Hathurusinghe 20-6-53-1, Ranatunga 4-2-2-0. Muralitharan 47 1-12-136-4; Jayasuriya 8-2-30-0.

Umpires: B C Cooray and P Manuel

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Finest performance by British team in European championships since 1974

Egerszegi is still in a class of her own

By Craig Lord

KRISZTINA Egerszegi restored Hungarian swimming pride at Sheffield last night by winning a second European title in the same session after Jani Sievinen, a teenager from Finland, had dealt her team a double blow.

Franziska van Almsick, the German 15-year-old, collected her record sixth title — in the 50 metres freestyle, — one more than four of her former East German women predecessors, though the same as Michael Gross won for West Germany in 1985.

But Egerszegi, the only woman in Barcelona to win three individual Olympic titles, was once again the class act.

First to fall to her was the 200 metres butterfly, the title she thought would be the most difficult for her to win. It was, yet still she won by a wide margin. She would later add the 200 metres backstroke title, to take her tally of gold medals to four, equalling the achievement of Ute Geweniger, of East Germany, in 1981.

First, there was humble pie to eat for Hungary. After losing 11-9 to Italy in the water polo final, Hungarians hoped that three golds would flow from the lanes of Ponds Forge at these 21st European championships.

The presence of Jani Sievinen, 19, from southern Finland in the 200 metres medley had prompted Tamas Darnyi, the Olympic and world champion and world record holder from Hungary, to withdraw.

Darnyi had had a hard time beating Sievinen in the 400 metres medley last Wednesday. He was not about to risk his reputation, especially when his coach, Tamas Szechy, had tipped team-mate, Attila Czene, 19, as capable of winning in Darnyi's absence.

Sievinen had other ideas, swimming close to world record pace with Czene and Christian Keller, of Germany and eventually third, throughout the race. The freestyle, and final, leg was decisive, the Finn ploughing on to become only the second man to swim faster than two minutes. His winning time of 1min 59.50sec was a championship record.

Hungary is home to ten million people, Finland to half that. London's population lies somewhere in the middle. Yet the nations who share the rarest language group talk in the same tongue when it comes to talent. Their combined medals tally was 15, including nine golds, six to Hungary.

Both bring their swimmers along slowly and believe in steady development over many years. However, while Szechy plans Czene's peak at 28 years of age, Sievinen says he will quit the sport "the moment I get bored." He expected Czene to be more of a rival than Darnyi by the Atlanta Olympic Games, but Darnyi reaffirmed that he would be there.

The host nation's men's 4 by 100 medley relay team won a bronze medal in a British record of 4min 41.66sec behind Russia, the champions, and Hungary. Nick Gillingham's breaststroke split was a blistering 1min 00.78sec, while Mark Foster clocked 49.74sec for the freestyle leg. Mike Fibbens and Martin Harris completing the quartet.

Their success capped the finest performance by a British team since Vienna in 1974, when two titles among 11 medals were won. In Sheffield there were 11 medals, including one title, to Nick Gillingham. On Saturday, Martin Harris and the women's medley relay won bronze medals after the disqualification of their team-mates, Mike Fibbens and Mark Foster, for false starting in the 50 metres freestyle.

Harris set his sixth (55.90sec in the heats) and seventh British record, of 55.75sec, since 1990 in the 100 metres backstroke and became the first Briton since John Brockway in 1954 to win a medal at the event and served well the memory of the only man to have won the title for Britain, John Besford, the 1934 champion who died at his home in Spain earlier this year.

MEDALS TABLE

	G	S	B
Germany	15	6	8
Russia	12	12	5
Hungary	6	4	1
Finland	3	1	—
France	1	5	2
Great Britain	1	3	3
Spain	1	1	3
Italy	1	1	2
Holland	1	—	2
Belgium	1	—	—
Poland	1	—	—
Sweden	—	6	3
Ukraine	—	1	3
Norway	—	1	1
Romania	—	1	—
Slovakia	—	1	—
Czech Rep	—	—	2

Belarus, Croatia, Lithuania and Slovenia, 1 bronze each

British tour should suit World Cup leader

By Our Sports Staff

MAURIZIO Fondriest, the World Cup cycling leader, attempts to add the Tour of Britain title to his collection during an outstanding season when the 569-mile test starts today. Fondriest, Italy's 27-year-old former world champion, has already gained victories in the Milan to San Remo race and the Fleche Wallonne this year, as well as in the Tirreno-Adriatico and GP Midi Libre stage races.

The five sections of the Tour should suit Fondriest, who was third in 1990 and winner of the final stage last year, but there are sure to be some fierce challenges.

Fondriest's compatriot, Moreno Argentin, and his Latvian team-mate, Piotr Ugrumov, second in the Tour of Italy, lead a strong Mecair team, while Motorola field past winners in Phil Anderson, of Australia, and the Derby-based Italian, Max Sciandri, last year's overall winner.

Jesper Skibby, a Tour de France stage winner from Denmark, is the TVM No 1 and the 98 riders also include teams from GAN, Collstrop — who have Hendrik Redant, the Belgian who won two stages last year — Lotto and Subaru.

The Milk Race winner, Chris Lillywhite, and his Banana team-mates face a tough task. They are again expected to head the British challenge, but they will be smaller fish in a bigger pond as many of Europe's top professional outfits chase a share of the honours.

The five-day Kellogg's event opens with a 105-mile stage from Portsmouth to Bath. The second stage, a 117-mile loop through the Welsh mountains from Cardiff tomorrow, ends with three climbs of Swansea's Constitution Hill.

The race re-enters England on a 123-mile section from Newport to Coventry on Wednesday and the penultimate stage will be 113 miles from Birmingham to Manchester, via the Peak District. The final leg will be 109 miles across the Pennines from Bradford to Liverpool.

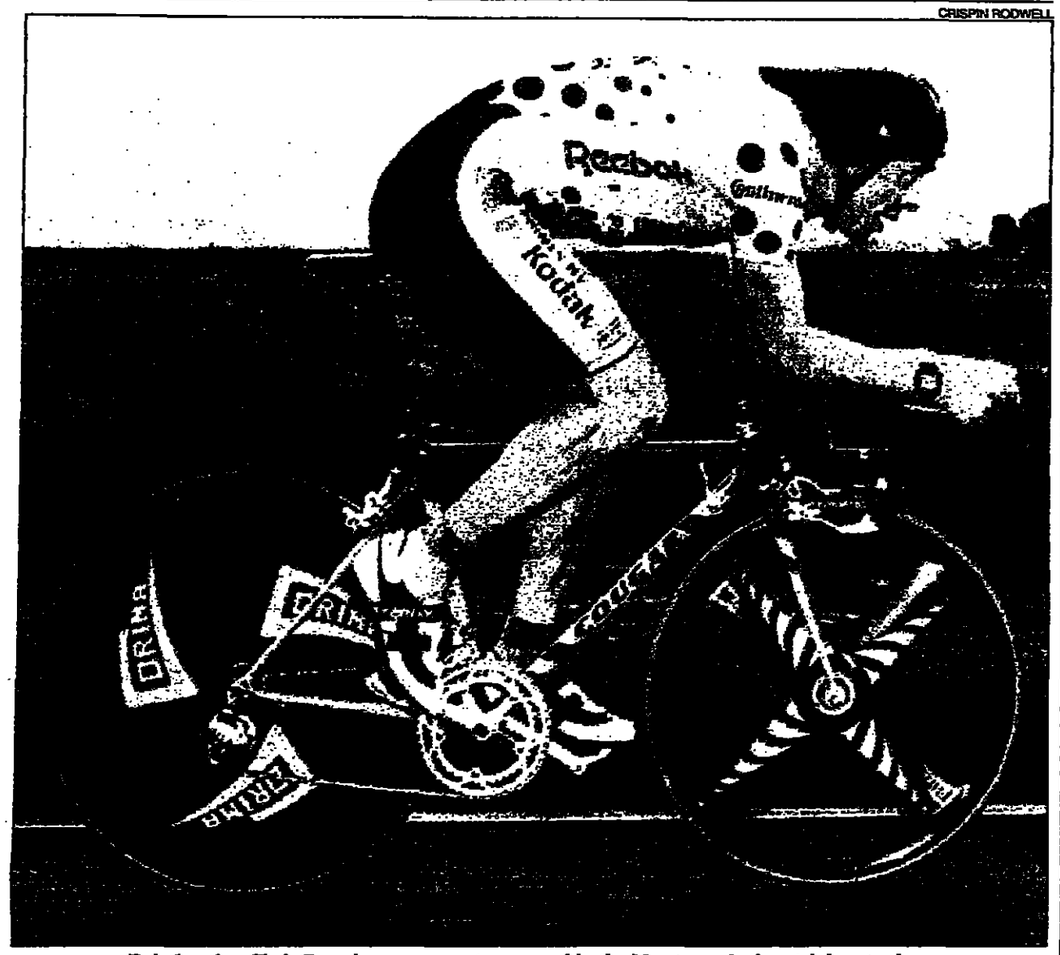
Marion Clignet, the French champion, is involved in a drugs scandal a day after finishing runner-up in the women's Tour de France which finished on Saturday. An official source revealed in Paris yesterday that Clignet, holder of the French road title, failed a drugs test in June.

The test was taken at a track meeting in Spain and was confirmed by the second test. The Spanish cycling federation has yet to act.

Clignet was beaten on the tour by the Dutch rider, Leontien Van Moorsel.



CRISPIN RODWELL



Pain barrier: Chris Boardman powers to a record in the Newtonards time-trial yesterday.

Obree deflated by Boardman

By Peter Bryan

Britain's fastest cyclists endure anticlimax in a less than high pressure Irish confrontation

IT WAS the confrontation cycling fans had been waiting for: Chris Boardman, head-to-head with Graeme Obree in the champion of champions 25-mile time-trial at Newtonards, co. Down. However, the fireworks turned into a damp squib when Obree suffered a puncture and a fall.

It was their first clash since a riveting six-day period last month when Obree broke Francesco Moser's world one-hour record, covering 51.616km, only to lose it days later to Boardman, whoraised the distance to 52.270km.

Yesterday, though, was pure confrontation, a re-sumption of the pair's rivalry in the Ards Cycling Club's annual trial which, after Boardman's winning ride in 1991, left the pair level at one-all. The 25-mile out-and-back course is mainly alongside Strangford Lough and, on a clear day, offers some consolation to riders in pain from their efforts, with views of the mountains of Mourne, 30 miles distant. Yesterday, though, rain clouds hid the mountains from Obree and Boardman, both of whom suffered exhausting rides.

For Obree, the frustration level was particularly high. Riding "Old Faithful", the unconventional machine he designed and built, he had a rear-wheel puncture after five miles. He had no spare "Old Faithful" and grabbed his conventional training bike from his team car to avoid disappointing the roadside followers and limit Boardman's gains.

Obree was not happy on the replacement mount and changed back to his original bike, by then repaired, at 11 miles. A mile later came another halt. At the halfway point, a dead turn, the Scot skidded on an oil patch and fell, but was quickly up and away again.

Boardman, who had started ten minutes behind, went beyond the turning point, explaining later: "It just looked safer to me." Obree never gave up trying; but he had lost two minutes on the outward run and Boardman was in full flight, although taking no risks on the wet and winding road. Boardman, the Olympic champion, produced the first ride under 50 minutes in Northern Ireland: 49min 36sec. There were cheers for the Scot, who appears vulnerable to bad luck but possesses considerable determination.

Boardman, by contrast, seemed blessed on this day. He, too, suffered a puncture — 150 yards after crossing the finishing line.

The next meeting between the two rivals will be in the world 4,000 metres track pursuit championship in Norway this weekend.

RESULT: 1, C Boardman (North Wirral-Kodak), 49min 36sec (Irish all-comers record); 2, G Obree (Lee RC), 51:38; 3, M Illingworth (North Wirral-Kodak), 52:47; 4, P Collins (Amey), 53:30; 5, T Evans (Banbridge), 54:53; 6, D McCall (Trainor), 55:20.

Scotland held by Canada

SCOTLAND and Canada provided one of the most exciting matches of the fourth women's lacrosse World Cup so far at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, yesterday. Yet, for Scotland, the 7-7 draw was a missed opportunity following their 13-5 opening win over Japan on Saturday (a correspondent writes).

The United States, the holders, defeated Canada 14-0 on Saturday night, a decisive result over their North American rivals, and it had been expected that Scotland would make certain of finishing at least second in their pool by beating the Canadians yesterday. But the country who founded the game had other ideas.

Heidi Cohu gave Scotland the lead after 30 seconds and Susan Warren made it 2-0 in the eighth minute, but, after 13 minutes, Anne Windover, who almost missed the tournament with a knee injury scored the first of her four goals for Canada, the last three coming in the last 10 minutes.

Scotland must restrict the US to less than 14 goals today, and hope the Japanese, playing in their first World Cup, can hold the Canadians.

Smith's silver lost in pot of German gold

From Mike Rosewell in Arungen, Norway

BRITAIN won two sets of medals in the world junior rowing championships in Norway on Saturday, the successes representing one dream denied and one realised. Graham Smith's vision of a record third gold medal in the coxless fours failed to materialise when his crew could not match a surge produced by the Germans, who moved from third to first in the third quarter of the final.

The experience unsettled the British, whose steering faltered, but they managed to hold off the Italians to take the silver.

Germany ran off with most of the valuables: 12 gold medals from 14 events; which made the performance of Elizabeth Henshilwood and Tessa Morris in the women's coxless pairs all the more impressive: they had to pass Germany to become the first British junior women to win an international medal. The recently-formed combination were last at the 500m mark on Saturday. But they applied pressure to be fourth at 1,500m, then overtook the Germans in the run-in to win bronze, leaving their young coach, Louise Sheppard, in tears.

The coxed four missed the bronze medal by one second and their coach, Mark Woodcock, said: "They rode to their race plan but lacked the required bite in the last 500 metres." The eight fared even worse: off the pace early, they finished last. However, Britain produced a gutsy row to finish second in the B final.

RESULTS: Finals: Men: Eights: 1, Germany, 5min 58sec; 2, Russia, 6min 2sec; 3, United States, 6min 3sec; 6, Great Britain, 6min 8sec. Coxed fours: 1, Germany, 6mins 33sec; 2, Italy, 6min 37sec; 3, Romania, 6min 39sec; 4, Great Britain, 6min 40sec. Coxless fours: 1, Germany, 6min 21sec; 2, Great Britain, 6min 24sec (E Coode, H Cobbe, S Burmester, G Smith); 3, Italy, 6min 25sec. Quad sculls: 1, Germany, 6min 4sec; 2, Sweden, 6min 8sec; 3, Norway, 6min 8sec, 8, Great Britain, 6min 13sec. Coxed pairs: 1, Germany, 7min 12sec; 2, Russia, 7min 12.7sec; 3, Italy, 7min 17sec; 10, Great Britain, 7min 30sec Coxless pairs: 1, Germany 6min 48sec, 2, Italy, 6min 51sec, 3, Sweden, 6min 52sec; 10, Great Britain, 7min 39sec. Double sculls: 1, Germany, 6min 33sec; 2, Austria, 6min 40sec; 3, Australia, 6min 42sec; 14, Great Britain, 7min 5sec. Single sculls: 1, Norway, 7min 07sec; 2, Italy, 7min 9sec; 3, Slovenia, 7min 10sec (no British entry). Women: Eights: 1, Germany, 6min 26sec; 2, Romania, 6min 29sec; 3, Latvia, 6min 42sec (no British entry). Coxless fours: 1, Germany, 7min 11sec; 2, Romania, 7min 16sec. 3, Russia, 7min 21sec (no British entry) Quad sculls: 1, Germany, 6min 43sec; 2, Italy, 6min 48sec; 3, Hungary, 6min 49.8sec (no British entry). Coxless pairs: 1, Australia, 7min 35sec, 2, Romania, 7min 39sec; 3, Great Britain, 7min 39sec (E Henshelwood, T Morris). Double sculls: 1, Germany, 7min 13sec; 2, Belgium, 7min 17sec. 3, Denmark, 7min 19sec; 9, Great Britain, 7min 39sec. Single sculls: 1, Germany, 7min 42sec; 2, Australia 7min 58sec, 3, Poland, 8min 1sec (no British entry).

Mansell takes pole position after tense qualifying session

From Oliver Holt in Loudon, New Hampshire

THE talk was of birthdays and celebrations yesterday morning, but after Nigel Mansell had blown out the candles on a lavish cake provided by his Newman-Haas team to mark the beginning of his 41st year, the Briton prepared to begin his quest for the ideal present.

Mansell was due to start the New England 200 at the New Hampshire international speedway here from pole position after a nerve-racking qualifying session on Saturday afternoon. He set his time early in the session and was then forced to watch as his closest challengers, Emerson Fittipaldi and Raul Boesel, made their delayed runs.

Both failed, Fittipaldi more miserably than his fellow Brazilian, but the tension had made its mark on Mansell. "I need a new heart after the situation I have just experienced," he said. "That qualifying session experience is something I have never really had before.

"I felt for sure that Raul was going to take the pole. It was the most exhilarating, satisfying and frustrating qualifying I have ever gone through. In Formula One, you never experience anything like that."

Mansell's time of 22.504sec on the pristine one-mile oval at an average speed of 169.24mph gave him his first pole position on this type of track. It also gave him $10,000 and an extra point to extend his lead over Fittipaldi, who finished thirteenth after engine trouble, to 19 points.

Mansell needs to produce a good result here to provide himself with a cushion over the Brazilian as his attempt to become the first driver to win the Formula One world championship and IndyCar world series in successive seasons approaches its denouement.

His confidence on ovals is high after his fine win in the gruelling Michigan 500 last week and his Newman-Haas Lola Ford appears to be at its strongest on this type of track. But the Penske Chevrolets of Fittipaldi and his team-mate, Paul Tracy, have been untouchable in road races recently and the next three races are on tracks that may favour them.

Yesterday morning at least, though, Mansell was concentrating on his birthday. "I got away with being 25 for at least five years," he joked. "But it seems as though they've caught up with me at last. I have to admit it. I'm 40 and I'm not sure I like it.

"I think a lot of people think I might have turned senile overnight but I am just hoping the rest of these kind gentlemen racers will give me their own birthday present and let me win."

Mansell's hat bore the words: "I am 40, look like 20, act like 30 and feel like 60."



Fittipaldi: failed

SPORT IN BRIEF

Phelps captures world title

FIVE sports in one day, the new format for modern pentathlon, brought out the best in Richard Phelps at Darmstadt, Germany, yesterday, when he won the world title with 5,755 points, 86 clear of Laszlo Fabian, of Hungary, the favourite. Despite ten hours of action, Phelps, 32, had enough strength left to clear all 18 obstacles in the final event, the show jumping, and to incur no time penalties. It all depended on what Fabian, the last competitor, did.

His 40-point lead on Phelps was a useful cushion, but he lost 30 points at the treble, 30 more at the eighth fence and, with 66 time penalties, only just held off Sebastien Deleigne, of France, for the silver medal.

Phelps began with a personal best 193 (worth 1,165pts) in the shooting and followed with 880pts in the fencing and a 3min 20.64sec swim (1,268pts) which moved him second, 148pts behind Fabian. He cut this to 40 by chasing home Peter Steinmann, the Swiss winner, in the cross-country.

Colombo controversy

CRICKET: India were in the midst of a controversy over ball tampering in Colombo yesterday as Sri Lanka fought back well on the fourth day of the third and final Test. The umpires stopped play midway through the afternoon to examine the ball after an over from the Indian seamer, Manoj Prabhakar, in Sri Lanka's second innings. They were apparently unhappy at scuff marks on one side of the ball.

The incident overshadowed the recovery by Sri Lanka, who, 1-0 down in the series, restricted India's first-innings lead to 95 after dismissing them for 446. India had started the day on 384 for five. Sri Lanka had moved to 132 for one in their second innings by close of play.

Prior wastes no time

BOWLS: Dorothy Prior, of Redditch, made short work of beating Carole Lloyd, of Portsmouth, 21-7 in the Liverpool Victoria English Women's Bowls Association singles final on Saturday. Rosario Pitman, Jean Chudley, Iris Porter and Ruth Peters helped Broadstone to win the fours championship for Dorset for the first time in 61 years. Broadstone's 17-13 victory was a triumph for Peters, who suffers from a painful spinal condition and tore the ligaments in her right leg earlier this summer. Broadstone recovered from being 11-4 down.

Haringey champions

ATHLETICS: Haringey clinched the GRE British League men's title by winning the final match at Meadowbank Stadium on Saturday. Woodford Green and Edinburgh Southern are relegated. Six of Britain's world championship team were in action and two records broken. Colin Mackenzie set a league record of 82.38 metres in the javelin for Newham and Essex Beagles, while there were victories for Paul Head (Newham) in the hammer (68.86m), Paul Edwards (Belgrave) in the shot (18.26m) and Mike Edwards (Belgrave) in the pole vault (5.20m).

Whitaker fills the gap

EQUESTRIANISM: Michael Whitaker, riding Everest Monsanta, won the £60,000 Grand Prix, the concluding event at the Dublin International Horse Show, on Saturday. Whitaker was 0.63 of a second faster than his nearest rival in the jump-off, winning the one big event in Europe that has eluded him for years. He has previously been second, third twice and fourth, but never the winner. Monsanta, now 19, and Whitaker's No 3, was going so well his rider believes "the old fellow" now has a very good chance of winning the Hickstead Derby later this month.

Costly injury to Brind

SQUASH: An injury to Stephanie Brind cost England the chance of a bronze medal in the world junior women's championship in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday. In the deciding rubber of the match for third place against Egypt, Brind, who recovered from losing the first game to lead Maha Zein 2-1, crashed into a wall. Thereafter, she was unable to play overhead shots, which Zein exploited in the last two games. It is the first time that England, the holders of the title for the past six years, have failed to finish in the top two. Australia beat New Zealand 2-1 in the final.

McRae gains ground

MOTOR RALLYING: Colin McRae, of Scotland, driving a Subaru, won the Rally of New Zealand in Auckland yesterday. Francois Delecour, of France, in a Ford, was second, 27 seconds behind McRae, and his compatriot, Didier Auriol, in a Toyota, was third. The world champion, Carlos Sainz, of Spain, was fourth in a Lancia, followed by the Finn, Juha Kankkunen, in a Toyota. Kankkunen leads the world drivers' championship with 71 points, a point ahead of Delecour.

Australians sent home

RUGBY LEAGUE: The Rugby Football League (RFL) has issued a warning to the 32 professional clubs about overseas players needing to have work permits after two Australians with Huddersfield, the centre, Ken Kerr, and the stand-off half, Brad Davis, were sent home by immigration officials when their documentation was found not to be in order. Featherstone Rovers have signed the England prop, Steve Molloy, 24, from Leeds, for a fee to be agreed. Leeds still hope to sign Neil Harmon and Richard Eyres from Widnes.

Shearer on target

FOOTBALL: Alan Shearer, the England forward, scored twice for Blackburn Rovers in their 3-0 defeat of Drogheda United after coming on for the final 11 minutes of yesterday's friendly at United Park. Shearer, out of football because of a leg injury since attempting a comeback against Cambridge United in the Coca-Cola Cup last January, headed home from six yards and scored with another header right on the final whistle. Atkins got Blackburn's other goal.

Springboks march on

RUGBY UNION: South Africa scored two tries on their way to a convincing 17-3 victory over Queensland in Brisbane yesterday, giving themselves a big confidence boost before next Saturday's second international against Australia. Uli Schmidt, their hooker, went over in the first half and left wing, Jacques Olivier, touched down midway through the second after a tap move near the line. Both tries were converted by Joel Stransky. The Springboks won last week's first international, in Sydney, 19-12.

Winkelhock takes Cup

MOTOR RACING: Joachim Winkelhock, of Germany, dominated the Oulton Park Gold Cup at the weekend, winning from pole position. He fought off an early challenge from his BMW team-mate, Steve Soper, who finished second. John Cleland claimed a hard-fought third place, fending off Alain Menu, of Switzerland, in a Renault, and Julian Bailey, in a Toyota. As rain made conditions tricky on the last lap, Cleland's pursuers closed in, the cars crossing the line within half a second.

Australian outsider surges through field

Woosnam denied by dramatic late run from Fowler

FROM MEL WEBB IN MUNICH

A STORM was expected to hit Bavaria yesterday afternoon. It never materialised in the sky, but on the golf course the field in the BMW International was flattened by a hurricane called Peter Fowler, who produced an astonishing burst of scoring to win the tournament with a 63 and a total of 267, 21 under par.

Although two under par for the day, the Australian, who had started three strokes behind Ian Woosnam, the third round leader, was playing for no more than a top ten place when he reached the par-five 9th. The hole had been out of reach in two shots all week, but on this day the tee had been moved forward to give players a chance to hit the green with their second.

Fowler not only hit the green with his metal three-wood, he hit the pin as well, and the ball bounced no more than 18 inches away. He tapped in for an eagle, and thus inspired he went on to birdie the next four holes and put himself out of reach of the pursuing pack to claim his first European Tour victory after 11 years of trying.

Woosnam, happy enough with his play from tee to green but still disgusted with his putting form, was second, three strokes behind Fowler, after a 69. He was a stroke in front of Anders Forsbrand, Bernhard Langer, Peter Mitchell and Gary Orr.

In spite of his disgruntlement, the £55,550 Woosnam won has lifted him to tenth in the Ryder Cup qualifying points list with 274,938 points and re-established him as a genuine contender to earn his way into the team. He is now only 7,550 points behind Jose Maria Olazabal in the race for the ninth automatic place.

Olazabal is not scheduled to make another appearance in Europe before the last qualifying tournament, the German Open in three weeks' time, but Woosnam will play in the Murphy's English Open after competing in the US PGA Championship at Toledo, Ohio this week, and has also entered the German Open.

Unhappy though he may have been not to have gained his first victory for more than a year, he should take heart from his performance at Nord-Eichenried. "I'm still tentative on the greens," he said. "I feel I have to hit it close to give myself a chance of birdies. Still, I've only had three bogeys in four days, so I must be doing something right."

Indeed he is. All week he hit the ball with tremendous authority through the green, and if he is not making all the putts he feels he ought to, his stroke, whether he is putting conventionally or cack-handed — left hand below right, as he did yesterday — is still slow and low on the backswing and accelerates through the ball nicely. For Woosnam the perfectionist, it is not good enough; others would be delighted to be putting as well.

Joakim Haeggman, the young Swede, who won £15,000 for seventh, is twelfth in the Cup table, but the most significant move apart from Woosnam's was made by Anders Forsbrand, who closed with a 65. Forsbrand won £23,750 and is now eleventh in the table, 13,715 points behind Woosnam. Could this be the year that the Swedes make the move into Ryder Cup golf that they have been threatening for so long? It looks likely.

While all the sub-texts were being played out, Fowler made sure of retaining his place under the spotlight. He said he felt he needed to make eight birdies to stand a chance of winning. He did exactly that, and the eagle on the 9th was a bonus to offset the bogey he suffered on the short 2nd after missing the green with his tee shot. He also birdied the 5th and 6th, but it was not until the eagle that he threatened the leaders.

He was 16 under par at that point, and the run of four birdies running from the 10th put him firmly in front. In the end, another birdie on the last was at once an irrelevance and a piece of pure self-indulgence. The others huffed and puffed, but try as they might they could not match the force of Hurricane Peter.

LEADING FINAL SCORES

(GB and Ireland unless stated)

267: P Fowler (Aus), 67, 69, 68, 63. 270: I Woosnam, 65, 68, 68, 69. 271: B Langer (Ger), 66, 69, 70, 66; A Forsbrand (Swe), 71, 67, 68, 65; P Mitchell, 69, 66, 69, 67; G Orr, 67, 69, 66, 69. 272: J Haeggman (Swe), 68, 66, 69, 69. 273: M McNulty (Zim), 66, 70, 69, 68. 274: D W Basson (SA), 66, 68, 70, 70. 275: J Parnevik (Swe), 68, 72, 67, 68; J Quiros (Sp), 67, 70, 69, 69. 276: M-A Jimenez (Sp), 70, 69, 71, 66; S Grappasonni (It), 68, 69, 73, 66; D A Russell, 65, 72, 69, 69; D Ray, 64, 72, 69, 71; M James, 64, 72, 68, 72. 277: N Henke (US), 69, 70, 70, 68; A Gilliner (Swe), 69, 69, 70, 69. 278: R Rafferty, 68, 71, 71, 68; A Cejka (Ger), 71, 69, 70, 68; M Roe, 71, 70, 69, 68; M Farry (Fr), 68, 71, 70, 69; P Lawrie, 66, 70, 72, 70; R McFarlane, 68, 70, 70, 70. 279: M Miller, 68, 70, 72, 69; M Sunesson (Swe), 68, 73, 70, 68; A Coltart, 67, 70, 72, 70; P Broadhurst, 68, 72, 69, 70; B Marchbank, 66, 69, 73, 71; S Little, 67, 70, 71, 71; E Aubrey (US), 70, 69, 69, 71; J Robinson, 65, 72, 70, 72; T Goegele (Ger), 67, 68, 71, 73. 280: L Tinkler (Aus), 66, 72, 71, 71; C Williams, 68, 73, 71, 68; M McLean, 73, 68, 68, 71.

RYDER CUP STANDINGS: 1, N Faldo, 593,022.50pts; 2, C Montgomerie, 451,988.08; 3, B Langer (Ger), 412,108.98; 4, B Lane, 365,722.75; 5, M James, 339,805.08; 6, S Torrance, 325,929.20; 7, C Rocca (It), 304,597.25; 8, P Baker, 299,279.17; 9, J-M Olazabal (Sp), 282,488.14; 10, I Woosnam, 274,938.12; 11, A Forsbrand (Swe), 261,223.26; 12, J Haeggman (Swe), 256,576.78; 13, M Roe, 254,105.74; 14, P Broadhurst, 251,524.84; 15, S Richardson, 244,313.74; 16, J Spence, 241,093.31; 17, G Brand jnr, 227,134.43; 18, J Parnevik (Swe), 216,482.65; 19, D Gilford, 215,836.57; 20, J Payne, 212,682.34.



Standing tall: Zoeller hits past a tree on his way to a third round lead, at 16 under par, in the Buick Open

Huggett manages to keep Verwey at bay

BRIAN Huggett scored his fourth senior victory and the 31st of his career when he won the PGA Forte Senior championship at Sunningdale on Saturday. The Welshman shot a final round of 70 for a six-under-par aggregate of 204, three strokes ahead of Bob Verwey, of South Africa.

Verwey cut the lead to one at the 11th when he made a birdie and Huggett, who was bunkered, recorded a bogey. But the South African missed from 18 inches at the 13th, and drove into trees at the 14th. Huggett picked up a birdie at that hole — and the contest was over.

Brian Waites, seeking to regain the title he won in 1990 and 1991, finished third on 209 but went down fighting with a 64 to equal the PGA Senior tour record set by José-Maria Roca at Labresse, France, last year.

☐ Fuzzy Zoeller was on course yesterday for his first PGA Tour victory in seven years, taking a commanding lead after the third round of the Buick Open at Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Zoeller, 41, went into the final 18 holes with a four-shot advantage, following a six-under-par 66 on Saturday. The former US Open and Masters champion, was 16 under par for the three rounds, taking the lead from Larry Mize, who had a third-round 71.

Fred Funk was at 206, one stroke ahead of Jay Don Blake, Corey Pavin and Steve Lamontagne. Greg Norman, the Open champion, suffering a mild dose of food poisoning, shot 68 and trailed Zoeller by nine shots.

"I'm in a zone right now," Zoeller said. "Playing with Nick Price last week really had an effect on me. Sometimes you learn from playing with another player, and I guess that happened to me."

Zoeller's back and business interests have meant playing a limited schedule and he has not won since 1986.

McClellan sets mark for fastest knockout

GERALD McClellan, of the United States, on Friday night broke the record for the fastest knockout in world title boxing history, previously held by Lloyd Honeyghan.

Defending his World Boxing Council (WBC) middleweight belt, at Bayamon in Puerto Rico, McClellan dispatched Jay Bell to the canvas after only 20 seconds. Following the count, the bout was stopped with 2min 31sec remaining in the first round.

At the first bell, the boxers emerged from their corners and took a look at each other before McClellan landed a powerful left hook to the kidneys, which immediately knocked his opponent down. Bell never got up and was attended by ringside doctors for several minutes.

Honeyghan established his record when he knocked out Gene Hatcher, of the United States, when defending the WBC welterweight championship on August 30 1987, in Marbella, Spain.

McClellan, from Detroit, who won the title on May 8 with a fifth-round knockout of Julian Jackson in Las Vegas, improved his record to won 29, lost 2, including 27 knockouts. Bell, from Tennessee, dropped to 17-2.

The other leading bout also finished in the first round when Felix Trinidad, boxing as a champion in his home country for the first time, defended his International Boxing Federation welterweight title by stopping Luis Garcia after only 2min 31sec.

Trinidad, who took the title from Maurice Blocker in San Diego, and now has 18 knockouts in his 21 contests, was unusually aggressive at the start. He crowded Garcia into a corner and landed a right cross to the face, sending the Venezuelan to the floor for a standing eight count.

A left hook from the aggressive Trinidad sent Garcia down 15 seconds later. After a second standing eight, Trinidad struck him with another left hook, sending Garcia to the canvas for the fourth and last time.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

FA Charity Shield
At Wembley

ARSENAL (1) 1 MAN UTD (1) 1
Wright 40 — Hughes 8
66,513

Scottish League
Premier Division

DUNDEE UTD (1) 1 ABERDEEN (0) 1
McKinlay 38 — Booth 75
14,000
HIBERNIAN (0) 0 PARTICK (0) 0
7,453
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 DUNDEE (0) 0
Brown 59
6,212
MOTHERWELL (2) 2 CELTIC (1) 2
Arnott 11 Burns 37 — Slater 44 McAvennie 62
13,569
RAITH (1) 1 ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1
Dennis 37 — Wright 28
4,628
RANGERS (1) 2 HEARTS (0) 1
Hagen 45 Hateley 65 — Brown (og) 86
43,261

First division

BRECHIN (0) 1 HAMILTON (1) 2
Miller 74 — Chalmers 25 Ward 62
758
CLYDE (1) 2 MORTON (0) 1
Fowler (og) 45 Clarke 59 — Alexander 90
1,500
CLYDEBANK (0) 1 AYR (0) 0
Flannigan 48
1,158
FALKIRK (0) 3 DUNFRLNE (1) 2
Rice 52 Johnston 59 Hughes 89 — Bowes 28 French 70
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STIRLING (0) 2 DUMBARTON (0) 0
Watters 58 Reilly 66
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Second division

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349
ARBROATH (1) 2 QN OF STH (1) 5
King 39 (pen) Tindal 84 — McFarlane 41 McCulloch 60 Thomson 72, 81 McGuire 80
757
BERWICK (0) 0 EAST FIFE (1) 1
Reilly 32
429
COWDENBTH (0) 1 MEADOWBNK (0) 2
Henderson 65 — Bailey 60 Rutherford 73
280
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 FORFAR (1) 3
Petrie 13, 84, 87
495
STENHSEMUIR (3) 3 EAST STIRLING (0) 1
Mathieson 20, 39 Steel 21 — Craig 53
300
STRANRAER (1) 2 MONTROSE (2) 4
Henderson 27 Diver 89 — Grant 38, 44, 63 Yates 88
700

PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Saturday: Chelmsford 0, Brighton 2; Swansea 2, Watford 2; Southport 2, Everton XI 2; Carshalton 2, Wimbledon XI 1; Swindon 1, Bristol City 2; Rotherham 0, Coventry 1; Northwich 0, Walsall 1, Wycombe 0, Portsmouth 3, Scarborough 0, Grimsby 0; Crewe 2, Wolverhampton 1; Evesham 2, Torquay 2; Oxford United 0, Queens Park Rangers 2. Sawbridgeworth 0, Barnet 1. Yesterday: Dagenham and Redbridge 1, Southend 1; Middlesbrough 1, Sunderland 2; Newcastle Town 0, Stoke 4; Millwall 1, Horwed 2, Colchester 2, Brentford 1; Gateshead 0, Celtic 2; Drogheda 0, Blackburn 3.

WORLD CUP: Africa Zone: Second round: Group B: Senegal 0, Zambia 0 (in Abidjan)

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 0, Cannes 0; Toulouse 0, Nantes 3; Sochaux 2, Metz 1; Caen 1, Auxerre 0; Angers 3, Lyons 1; St Etienne 2, Monaco 0, Marseilles 1, Le Havre 1; Montpellier 1, Martigues 0; Strasbourg 2, Paris Saint-Germain 2

GERMAN LEAGUE: Wattenscheid 3, Schalke 0; Bayern Munich 3, Freiburg 1, Duisburg 2, Bayer Leverkusen 2; VfB Leipzig 3, Dynamo Dresden 3. Cologne 0, Kaiserslautern 2.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Essendon 18.9 (117) bt Sydney Swans 13.18 (96); Carlton 16.10 (106) bt Richmond 12.11 (83); Fitzroy 15.9 (99) bt Adelaide Crows 13.16 (94); Collingwood 10.20 (80) bt St Kilda 9.14 (68); Geelong 22.18 (150) bt Hawthorn 10.8 (68).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Florida Marlins 4, Philadelphia Phillies 3. Montreal Expos 8, Atlanta Braves 2; San Diego Padres 6, Colorado Rockies 3: San Diego Padres 6, Colorado Rockies 2 (second game); Chicago Cubs 6, St Louis Cardinals 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Cincinnati Reds 2; San Francisco Giants 4, Houston Astros 3. Postponed: New York Mets v Pittsburgh Pirates. Saturday: St Louis Cardinals 4, Chicago Cubs 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 2, New York Mets 1; New York Mets 10, Pittsburgh Pirates 8 (second game); Houston Astros 6, San Francisco Giants 5; Philadelphia Phillies 8, Florida Marlins 7 (in 10 innings); Montreal Expos 5, Atlanta Braves 3 (in 10 innings); Cincinnati Reds 9, Los Angeles Dodgers 6

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Baltimore Orioles 8, Cleveland Indians 1: Detroit Tigers 5, Boston Red Sox 1; Toronto Blue Jays 11, Milwaukee Brewers 10, California Angels 7, Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota Twins 4, New York Yankees 3; Oakland A's 5, Kansas City Royals 2, Texas Rangers 5, Seattle Mariners 3. Saturday: Boston Red Sox 4, Detroit Tigers 1, Milwaukee Brewers 7, Toronto Blue Jays 1: Baltimore Orioles 8, Cleveland Indians 6; Chicago White Sox 6, California Angels 4; Kansas City Royals 5, Oakland A's 2, Minnesota Twins 6, New York Yankees 5. Seattle Mariners 2, Texas Rangers 1.

BOXING

BAYAMON, Puerto Rico: WBC middleweight championship: Gerald McClellan (US, holder) ko Jay Bell (US), 1st rnd. IBF welterweight championship: Felix Trinidad (P Rico) ko Luis Garcia (Ven), 1st rnd

EQUESTRIANISM

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW: Kerrygold international grand prix: 1, Everest Monsanta (M Whitaker, GB), clear, 35.0sec. 2, Schalkhaar (E Macken, Ire), clear, 35.53; 3, Kilbaha (J Ledingham, Ire), clear, 35.89. Other British: 12, Tees Hanauer (R Smith), 4 faults in 1st rnd; 19, Lannegan (D Broome), 4, 22, Gold (H Smith), 8.

ATHLETICS

MONACO GRAND PRIX: Men: 100m: 1, J Drummond (US), 10.05sec; 2, L Burrell (US), 10.12; 3, B Surin (Can), 10.14. 200m: 1, D Effiong (Nigeria), 20.16; 2, F Fredericks (Nam), 20.17; 3, J Regis (GB), 20.27; 4, C Lewis (US), 20.31. 400m: 1, Q Watts (US), 44.67; 2, S Lewis (US), 44.71; 3, S Kitur (Ken), 44.80. 800m: 1, N Kiprotich (Ken), 1min 44.09sec; 2, W Tanui (Ken), 1:44.30; 3, J Gray (US), 1:44.57. 1,500m: 1, J Birir (Ken), 3:35.81; 2, D Kibet (Ken), 3:35.92; 3, M Kiptanui (Ken), 3:36.25. 3,000m: 1, N Morceli (Alg), 7:29.24; 2, B Jabour (Mor), 7:36.54; 3, W Sigei (Ken), 7:37.73. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, R Kosgei (Ken), 8:14.98; 2, P Sang (Ken), 8:15.83; 3, J Kariuki (Ken), 8:18.08; 4, T Hanlon (GB), 8:19.99. 110m hurdles: 1, T Dees (US), 13.12sec; 2, J Pierce (US), 13.22; 3, C Hawkins (US), 13.28; 4, A Jarrett (GB), 13.32. 400m hurdles: 1, S Matete (Zam), 47.94; 2, K Young (US), 48.10; 3, W Graham (Jam), 48.17; 6, K Akabusi (GB), 49.04. Pole vault: 1, S Bubka (Ukr), 5.94m; 2, R Gataullin (Russ), 5.74; 3, G Yegorov (Kaz), 5.64. Triple jump: 1, R Jaros (Ger), 17.18; 2, E Floreal (Can), 17.16; 3, B Wellman (Berm), 17.11. Javelin: 1, T Pukstys (US), 82.88; 2, A Pakarinen (Fin), 81.76; 3, K Kinnunen (Fin), 81.72; 4, M Hill (GB), 81.54.

Women: 100m: 1, M Ottey (Jam), 10.90sec; 2, I Privalova (Russ), 11.09; 3, N Voronova (Russ), 11.30. 200m: 1, M Ottey (Jam), 21.77; 2, I Privalova (Russ), 22.23; 3, M Onyali (Nigeria), 22.32. 400m: 1, G Torrence (US), 49.83; 2, X Restrepo (Col), 50.46; 3, J Miles (US), 50.48. 1,500m: 1, V Beclea (Rom), 3min 59.35sec; 2, S O'Sullivan (Ire), 3.59.60; 3, M Rydz (Pol), 4:02.29; 5, A Wyeth (GB), 4:03.17. 100 hurdles: 1, G Devers (US), 12.77sec; 2, M Freeman (Jam), 12.91; 3, A Lopez (Cuba), 12.96. 400m hurdles: 1, K Batten (US), 54.24; 2, M Ponomaryova (Russ), 54.87; 3, A Koroz (Russ), 55.08. High jump: 1, I Quintero (Cuba), 2.00m; 2, G Astafei-Stavrance (Rom), 1.98; 3, S Costa (Cuba), 1.98. Long jump: 1, H Drechsler (Ger), 6.96; 2, I Mushailova (Russ), 6.82; 3, N Boegman (Aus), 6.70; 5, F May (GB), 6.67.

GROSSETO, Italy: International meeting (selected results): Men: 100m: 1, R Da Silva (Br), 10.20sec; 2, C Smith (US), 10.29; 3, K Braunskill (US), 10.42. 1,500m: 1, V Nyongabo (Tan), 3min 36.50sec; 2, A Boro (Ken), 3.37.60. 3,000m: 1, F Panetta (It), 7.45.78; 2, K Korona (Ken), 7.48.70; 3, O Osoro (Ken), 7.49.82. High jump: 1, T Kemp (Bah), 2.27m. Triple jump: 1, A Silva (Br), 17.08m; 2, V Inozemtsev (Ukr), 16.79.

GRE BRITISH LEAGUE: First division (Edinburgh): 100m: A: M Rosswess (Birchfield), 10.51sec. B: C Callender (Haringey), 10.66. 200m: A: Rosswess, 20.94. B: D Clark (Edinburgh), 21.50. 400m: A: M Thomas (Birchfield), 47.94. B: E Williams (Thames Valley Harriers), 47.09. 800m: A: N Smith (Shaftesbury), 1min 55.34sec. B: P Herbert (Shaftesbury), 1:56.37. 1,500m: A: A Bignell (Haringey), 3.58.64. B: A Duke (TVH), 4:03.90. 5,000m: A: K Tadesce (Belgrave), 14.24.02. B: C Harry (Haringey), 14:35.20. 3,000m steeplechase: A: A Green (Woodford), 8.56.91. B: J Steel (Edinburgh), 9.19.19. 110m hurdles: A: K Campbell (Edinburgh), 14.12sec. B: G Dunson (Shaftesbury), 14.27. 400m hurdles: A: L Lynch (Haringey), 52.27. B: T Gwynn (Birchfield), 52.82. 4 x 100m relay: Edinburgh, 42.24. 4 x 400m relay: TVH, 3.12.55. High jump: A: H Lindo (Belgrave), 2.05m. B: J Munroe (TVH), 2.00. Pole vault: A: M Edwards (Belgrave), 5.20. B: K Hughes (Haringey), 4.80. Long jump: A: F Salle (Belgrave), 7.49. B: C Charles (TVH), 7.14. Triple jump: A: R Cameron (TVH), 15.34. B: Charles, 15.50. Shot: A: P Edwards (Belgrave), 18.26. B: D Calloway (Haringey), 16.83. Discus: A: K Brown (Birchfield), 55.80. B: R Weir (Birchfield), 54.26. Hammer: A: P Head (Newham), 68.86. B: Weir, 60.70. Javelin: A: C Mackenzie (Newham), 82.38 (British League record). B: N Bevan (Belgrave), 69.54. Match result: 1, Haringey, 359pts; 2, TVH, 302; 3, Belgrave, 298; 4, Newham, 294; 5, Birchfield, 280; 6, Shaftesbury, 251; 7, Woodford, 223; 8, Edinburgh, 210. Final positions: 1, Haringey, 32pts; 2, Belgrave, 28; 3, Birchfield, 20; 4, Thames Valley Harriers, 17; 5, Shaftesbury, 15½; 6, Newham, 15; 7, Woodford, 13½; 8, Edinburgh, 5.

Second division (Wolverhampton): 1, Old Gaytonians, 244; 2, Crawley, 231; 3, Enfield, 206; 4, Wolverhampton and Bilston, 198; 5, Sale, 195; 6, Edinburgh AC, 170. Final positions: 1, Crawley, 20; 2, Sale, 18; 3, Old Gaytonians, 15; 4, Wolverhampton and Bilston, 14; 5, Enfield, 12; 6, Edinburgh AC. 5 Third division (Leeds): 1, Blackheath, 278; 2, Leeds City, 231; 3, Swansea, 225; 4, Windsor, Slough and Eton, 194; 5, Liverpool Harriers, 183; 6, Havering Mayesbrook, 148. Final positions: 1, Blackheath, 22; 2, Liverpool Harriers, 19; 3, Swansea, 13.5; 4, Windsor, Slough and Eton, 12.5; 5, Leeds City, 12; 6, Havering Mayesbrook, 5. Fourth division (Cardiff): 1, Cardiff, 342; 2, Cambridge Harriers, 230; 3, GEC Avionics, 229; 4, Bournemouth, 224; 5, Sheffield, 194; 6, Croydon, 130. Final positions: 1, Cardiff, 23; 2, Cambridge Harriers, 17; 3, GEC Avionics, 16; 4, Bournemouth, 12; 5, Sheffield, 12; 6, Croydon, 4. Fifth division (Stoke): 1, City of Stoke, 257; 2, Hounslow, 257; 3, Morpeth, 199; 4, Bristol, 187; 5, Cannock and Stafford, 180; 6, Hercules Wimbledon, 168. Final positions: 1, Hounslow, 22; 2, City of Stoke, 22; 3, Bristol, 15; 4, Cannock and Stafford, 11; 5, Morpeth, 10; 6, Hercules Wimbledon, 4.

SYDNEY: City to Surf race (winners): Men: A Lloyd, 40min 29sec. Women: C Schuwalow, 47.39

BOWLS

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Liverpool Victoria English women's national championships: Singles: Semi-finals: C Lloyd (Milton Park, Hants) bt Y Webb (RACS Gravesend), 21-20; D Prior (Hewell, Redditch) bt D Whittingham (Kingsway, Hove), 21-16. Final: Prior bt Lloyd, 21-7. Fours: Semi-finals: Broadstone, Dorset (R Peters) bt City and County of Oxford (I Molyneux), 18-13, Wellingborough (J Abel) bt Bornwood, Gloucs, 22-16. Final: Broadstone bt Wellingborough 17-13.

WORTHING: Sanatogen EBA national championships: Champion of Champions singles: Quarter-finals: G Walls (Essex CBA) bt M Dolby (Herts Watford), 21-20; B Fernandes (Swindon) bt R Moses (Hollingbury Park), 21-20; J C Evans (Torquay) bt B Long (Slough), 21-12; G Harrington (Oxfordshire CBA) bt D Holt (Lancashire CBA), 21-19. Semi-finals: Fernandes bt Walls, 21-20; Harrington bt Evans, 21-17. Final: Harrington bt Fernandes, 21-15

BOURNEMOUTH: Open tournament: Finals: Singles: C Daniels (Boscombe Cliff) bt G Moon (Banbury Borough), 21-19. Pairs: C Ward and D Ward (Cromer) bt G Blake and B Taylor (County Arts), 17-15. Triples: T Richards (Princes Gardens, Exeter), S Stevens and I Bond (Crediton) bt G Bailey (R G Carters), P Blake (County Arts) and W Graver (Shouldham), 20-14.

CLEVEDON: Open tournament: Singles: Semi-finals: R Joyes (Ashcombe) bt J Ind (Bristol Arrow), 21-18. R Smith (Page Park) bt C Messer (Cambridge Chesterton), 21-16. Final: Joyes bt Smith, 21-16. Pairs: Semi-finals: S Nelmes and E Seaville (Ardagh) bt R and J Lambard (Bristol), 21-12; L Westlake and A W Smith (Ardagh) bt J Morgan and K Little (Kingwood and Hanham), 17-16. Final: Nelmes and Seaville bt Westlake and Smith, 26-14. Triples: Semi-finals: R Wilan, S Thompson, T Mapstone (Bristol Arrow) b R Morgan, W Bell, I Bell (Knowle Park), 21-11, S Withers (Clevedon), E Furze, M Rowsell (Clevedon Promenade) bt E Cook, W Davy, S Meyrick (Clevedon), 20-14. Final: Withers, Furze and Rowsell bt Wilan, Thompson and Mapstone, 24-7

SCOTTISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Singles: G Whitelaw (Stonehouse) bt D Rattray (Alva), 21-18. Junior singles: J Mikie (Lesmahagow) bt G Maxwell (Castle Douglas), 21-17. Pairs: Overtown and Waterloo (A and R Grant) bt Oban, 15-14. Triples: Newmilns (A Fraier, R Wilson and P McCormack) bt Tarbolton (T McPike, W White and R Martin), 19-10. Fours: Hawick (W Wells, S Wilson, G Lyall and N Amos) bt Cume (N Branchley, M Brocklebank, G and T Hill), 16-13

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Huntingdonshire 111, Norfolk 107.

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Kent 142, Sussex 110.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Northants 147, Nottinghamshire 112

CYCLING

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain: One-day classic (238km): 1, C Chiappucci (It), 5hr 47min 51sec; 2, G Faresin (It), at 02sec; 3, A Volpi (It); 4, I Gaston (Sp); 5, M Giovannetti (It), all at 24sec. 6, B-A Namvedt (Nor); 7, B Cornillet (Fr); 8, M Fondriest (It); 9, M Ghirotto (It); 10, S Colage (It), all at 31sec. World Cup standings: 1, Fondriest, 119pts; 2, J Museeuw (Bel), 75; 3, F Ballerini (It), 73; 4, R Sorensen (Den), 68; 5, Chiappucci, 66; 6, M Sciandri (It), 61

TIME-TRIAL: Champion of Champions (Newtownards, Co Down, 25 miles): 1, C Boardman (North Wirral Velo), 49min 38sec (Irish all-comers' record), 2, G Obree (Leo RC), 51:38, 3 M Illingworth (North Wirral Velo), 52:47. Team: North Wirral Velo, 2hr 38min 00sec.

GOLF

GRAND BLANC, Michigan: Buick Open: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 200: F Zoeller, 69, 65, 66. 204: L Mize, 64, 69, 71. 206: F Funk, 68, 71, 67. 207: J D Blake, 69, 71, 67; S Lamontagne, 67, 70, 70; C Pavin, 71, 65, 71. 208: F Couples, 72, 69, 67; J McGovern, 69, 71, 68; D Toms, 73, 67, 68; P Stewart, 66, 71, 71. 209: J Huston, 66, 77, 66; W Levi, 72, 71, 66; G Norman (Aus), 68, 73, 68; J Flannery, 71, 70, 68; K Perry, 70, 71, 68; B Faxon, 69, 71, 69; S Elkington (Aus), 67, 72, 70; P Goydos, 66, 71, 72.

SUNNINGDALE: Forte PGA senior championships: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 204: B Huggett, 69, 65, 70. 207: R Verwey (SA), 70, 67, 70. 209: B Waites, 75, 70, 64. 210: P Butler, 71, 68, 71. 212: T Horton, 72, 67, 73. 213: J Fourie (SA), 72, 72, 69. 214: R Thatcher (US), 69, 72, 73. 215: N Coles, 73, 69, 73. 216: R Fidler, 71, 71, 74; L Higgins (Ire), 77, 67, 72; C O'Connor, 72, 71, 73

MODERN PENTATHLON

DARMSTADT, Germany: World championships: Men: Individual: 1, R Phelps (GB), 5,756; 2, L Fabian (Hun), 5,669; 3, S Deleighne (Fr), 5,568. Team relay: 1, Hungary, 5,225; 2, France, 5,196; 3, Italy, 5,108. No British team. Women: Individual: 1, E Fjellerup (Den), 5,543 pts (fence, 1,000; swim, 1,124; shoot, 1,109; run, 1,310; ride, 1,004). 2, I Kowalewska (Pol), 5,510; 3, D Idzi (Pol), 5,291. Others: 16, C Holmes a'Court (Aus), 4,913; 18, V Rowe (GB), 4,904; 31, K Chiller (Aus), 4,016 (zero ride); 32, R McFadden (GB), 3,716 (zero ride). Team relay: 1, Russia, 4,996; 2, Italy, 4,994; 3, Hungary, 4,984; 4, France, 4,708; 5, Great Britain, 4,624; 6, United States, 4,617 pts.

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: R Krajicek (Holl) bt P Sampras (US), 6-4, 3-6, 7-6; M Chang (US) bt C Adams (US), 6-3, 6-2.

KITZBÜHEL: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: T Muster (Austria) bt A Medvedev (Ukr), 6-3, 6-4; J Sánchez (Sp) bt B Kebacher (Ger), 6-2, 6-2

LACROSSE

EDINBURGH: Women's World Cup: United States 19, Japan 2; United States 14, Canada 0; Australia 14, Wales 2; Scotland 7, Canada 7.

STOCKPORT: Men's tour match: England Under-19 13, Japan 6.

MOTORCYCLING

ANDERSTORP, Sweden: World superbike championship: First race: 1, C Fogarty (GB), Ducati, 36min 28.12sec; 2, G Falappa (It), Ducati, 36:35.42; 3, F Pirovano (It), Yamaha, 36:35.97; 5, J Whitham (GB), Yamaha, 36.36.63. Second race: 1, Fogarty, 36.14.17; 2, S Russell (US), Kawasaki, 36.16.64; 3, Falappa, 36:23.83. World championship standings (14 rounds): 1, Russell, 197.5pts; 2, Fogarty, 186.5; 3, Falappa, 178.

MOTOR RALLYING

ROTORUA: Rothmann Rally of New Zealand (2,032km, 36 stages): 1, C McRae and D Ringer (GB), Subaru Legacy, 6hr 12min 31sec; 2, F Delecour and D Grataloup (Fr), Ford Escort, 6:12:58; 3, D Auriol and B Occelli (Fr), Toyota Celica Turbo 4WD, 6:13:00; 4, C Sainz and L Moya (Sp), Lancia Delta HF Integrale, 6:14:38; 5, J Kankkunen and J Piironen (Fin), Toyota Celica Turbo 4WD, 6:15:26, 6, P Bourne and R Freeth (NZ), Subaru Legacy, 6:29.46. World championship standings: 1, Kankkunen, 71 pts; 2, Delecour, 70; 3, M Biasion (It, Ford), 66; 4, Auriol, 59; 5, McRae, 44; 6, Sainz, 35. Manufacturers' championship: equal 1, Ford and Toyota, 111pts; 3, Lancia, 67; 4, Subaru, 56; 5 Mitsubishi, 47

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Queensland 3, South Africans 17 (in Brisbane); South African Rural Provinces XV 18, Irish Development XV 23 (in George). University of Cape Town 9, Oxford and Cambridge Universities XV 15 (in Cape Town).

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: World women's junior championship: Final: Australia bt New Zealand, 2-1 (R Grinham bt S Cook, 10-8, 10-8, 9-0; N Tippett lost to J Wilson, 7-9, 2-9, 0-9; K Keevil bt G Knox, 9-1, 9-4, 9-0). Third place play-off: Egypt 2, England 1 (M A Hegazy lost to T Shenton, 0-9, 1-9, 3-9; S Shabana bt D Leeves, 9-4, 9-6, 9-6; M Zein bt S Brind, 9-2, 6-9, 0-9, 9-2, 9-0). Fifth place play-off: Scotland 2, South Africa 1 (P Nimmo bt A Naude, 9-3, 9-7, 9-0; C Waddell lost to N Grainger, 4-9, 8-10, 10-8, 0-9; W Maitland bt T Naude, 9-4, 9-4, 9-5). Seventh place play-off: Germany 2, Canada 1. Ninth place play-off: Switzerland 2, Ireland 1 (A Muller bt A Sheedy, 9-2, 7-9, 9-6, 3-9, 10-8; A Muller lost to S Thornton, 9-4, 4-9, 0-9, 6-9. G Hegi bt A McGeever, 7-9, 9-2, 9-4, 9-2). Eleventh place play-off: Malaysia 3, Hong Kong 0. Thirteenth place play-off: United States 2, Singapore 1.

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: European championships: Men: Saturday: 50m freestyle: 1, A Popov (Russ), 22.27sec; 2, C Kalfayan (Fr), 22.39; 3, R Mazuolis (Lith), 22.44; 4, V Predkin (Russ), 22.79; 5, M Pinger (Ger), 22.97. Disqualified for false starts M Foster (GB), V Tkachenko (Ukr), M Fibbens (GB). 200m butterfly: 1, D Pankratov (Russ), 1min 56.25sec; 2, F Esposito (Fr), 1:58.66; 3, C Bremer (Ger), 2.00.33; 4, R Szukala (Pol), 2:00.65; 5, C Ergenekan (Tur), 2:00.71; 6, M Herrmann (Ger), 2:00.74, 7, K Gaika (Pol), 2:01.20; 8, Y De Fabrique (Fr), 2:01.44. 100m backstroke: 1, M Lopez-Zubero (Sp), 55.03sec; 2, V Selkov (Russ), 55.58; 3, M Harris (GB), 55.75 (British record); 4, T Weber (Ger), 55.91; 5, T Deutsch (Hun), 55.97; 6, R Braun (Ger), 56.14; 7, E Merisi (It), 56.28; 8, A Ruckwood (GB), 56.68. Yesterday: 200m individual medley: 1, J Sievinen (Fin), 1min 59.50sec; 2, A Czene (Hun), 2:00.70, 3, C Keller (Ger), 2:01.18; 4, F Lefevre (Fr), 2:03.40; 5, P Lehtinen (Fin), 2.03.60, 6, V Valdaev (Ukr), 2.04.63, 7, X Marchand (Fr), 2:04.91; 8, M Wouda (Holl), 2:05.34. 1,500m freestyle: 1, J Hoffman (Ger), 15:13.31; 2, S Wiese (Ger), 15:14.76; 3, I Majcen (Slovenia), 15:15.05; 4, E Logvinov (Ukr), 15:21.49; 5, M Bensi (It), 15:25.07; 6, P Albinski (Pol), 15:28.43, 7, P Siciliano (It), 15:30.53; 8, S Mikhnovets (Belarus), 15.41.69. 4 x 100m medley relay: 1, Russia, 3min 38.90sec, 2, Hungary, 3:40.97, 3, Great Britain, 3.41.68 (British record); 4, France, 3:42.31, 5, Germany, 3:42.50; 6, Finland, 3.44.73; 7, Spain, 3:45.96; 8, Switzerland, 3:52.60.

Women: Saturday: 200m individual medley: 1, D Hunger (Ger), 2min 15.33sec, 2, D Shmeleva (Russ), 2.16.90, 3, S Parera (Sp), 2:17.06; 4, E Synowska (Pol), 2.17.38. 5, L Findlay (GB), 2:17.78; 6, H Cerna (Cz), 2.18.28; 7, M Nemec (Austria), 2.19.14; 8, M Schultz (Swe), 2:19.82. 800m freestyle: 1, J Henke (Ger), 8:32.47; 2, I Dalby (Nor), 8:33.77, 3, O Splichalova (Cz), 8:36.59; 4, B Coada (Rom), 8:39.11; 5, M Nilsson (Swe), 8:39.78; 6, S Hardcastle (GB), 8.40.45; 7, C Seithe (Ger), 8:41.17; 8, K Vlieghuis (Holl), 8:48.43. 4 x 100m medley relay: 1, Germany, 4:06.91, 2, Russia, 4:10.09, 3, Great Britain, 4:12.18; 4, Italy, 4:12.37; 5, Sweden, 4:12.45, 6, France, 4:12.59; 7, Denmark, 4.15.78, 8, Holland, 4:18.09. Yesterday: 200m butterfly: 1, K Egerszegi (Hun), 2min 10.71sec; 2, K Jacke (Ger), 2:13.07; 3, B Franco (Sp), 2.13.39, 4, M Pelaez (Sp), 2:13.46; 5, A Uryniuk (Pol), 2:13.65; 6, B Pugaard (Den), 2:13.73, 7, C Jeanson (Fr), 2.14.59, 8, J Arantes (Port), 2.16.16. 50m freestyle: 1, F van Almsick (Ger), 25.23sec; 2, L Olofsson (Swe), 25.67, 3, I de Bruijn (Holl), 25.86, 4, N Mesheryakova (Russ), 25.92; 5, A Postma (Holl), 26.04; 6, M Moravcova (Slovakia), 26.16. Disqualified for false starts: C Plewinski (Fr) and J Draxler (Austria). 200m backstroke: 1, K Egerszegi (Hun), 2min 09.12sec; 2, L Vigarani (It), 2:11.94; 3, N Zhivanevskaya (Russ), 2:12.14; 4, C Sloize (Ger), 2:13.28; 5, F Salvalajo (It), 2:13.82; 6, K Osher (GB), 2:14.76, 7, J Deakins (GB), 2:16.02; 8, A Jankowska (Pol), 2.17.66.

Water polo: Men: Slovakia 10, Ukraine 8; Great Britain 4, Germany 17. Semi-finals: Russia 8, Italy 6, Holland 9, Hungary 8. Final: Italy 11, Hungary 9. Play-offs: Third place: Spain 13, Romania 12 (aet). Fifth place: Croatia 15, Holland 6. Sixth place: Greece 7, Russia 7. Seventh place: Russia 12, Holland 8. Ninth place: Slovakia 9, Germany 9. Eleventh place: Ukraine 10, Great Britain 4. Women: Final: Holland 13, Russia 8. Play-offs: Third place: Hungary 8, Italy 7. Play-offs: Fifth place: Germany 4, France 7. Seventh place: Great Britain 7, Greece 8. Ninth place: Spain 11, Switzerland 6. Eleventh place: Czech Republic 10, Slovakia 7.

LAKE CONISTON: British long-distance veteran's championship (3.25 miles): Men: 1, D Reason (Howebridge Marlins), 1hr 26min 42sec; 2, P Stephens (Royal Navy ASA), 1:41:37; 3, C Stockdale (Solihull), 1:46.12. Women: 1, A Taylor (Leeds), 2:15.09; 2, H Stringer (Warrington Dolphins), 2:56:19; 3, M Smith (Grimsby Water Rats), 3.05:20

FIXTURES

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Fifth Cornhill Test
Final day of five
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EDGBASTON: England v Australia

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Final day of four
11.0
DURHAM UNIVERSITY: Durham v Derbyshire.
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HOVE: Sussex v Worcestershire

Under-19 match
55 overs
CHELMSFORD: England Under-19 v West Indies Under-19.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two). Finchampstead: Berkshire v Wiltshire; Slough: Buckinghamshire v Cambridgeshire; Shrewsbury: Shropshire v Dorset; Northop Hall: Wales v Oxfordshire.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBA National Championships (Worthing).
CYCLING: Kelloggs Tour of Britain (Portsmouth to Bath).
GOLF: Men's Home Internationals (Royal Liverpool)
LACROSSE: World Cup: Japan v Canada (11.0). Wales v England (1.0); Australia v Czechoslovakia (4.0), USA v Scotland (6.0). (Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh).
SPEEDWAY: First division. Reading v Poole (7.30). Wolverhampton v Arena-Essex (7.30)
YACHTING: Admiral's Cup: Fastnet race (Cowes)

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POOLS CHECK

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Third division: Corio U 3 Geelong 0, Lalor U 5 Keilor 3, Moorabbin 0 Eltham U 3. Regent 2 Pascoe Vale 1, S Dandenong 2 Dandenong 1: Seaford U 0 Fitzroy 3.

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MARC ASPLAND



First impressions: Linighan, the Arsenal defender, tackles Keane, who was signed by Manchester United for £3.75 million in the close season, during the Charity Shield

Resilient Arsenal clip United's wings

Peter Ball sees the Charity Shield decided on penalties after the FA Cup winners and league champions had drawn 1-1 at Wembley

MANCHESTER United's surge to the championship last season took flight down the wings. For 25 minutes at Wembley on Saturday they reminded us how thrilling a spectacle that had been, giving the football season a perfect launch.

As the heat of the midday sun, Arsenal, and a lack of fitness, took their toll, however, it was too good to last. Even so, as Arsenal's enduring resilience brought them level, the match provided ample support for the conviction that these two clubs will contest the main honours this season.

Only at the close was a pleasant day tarnished, with the penalty shoot-out introduced by the Football Association an unnecessary break with tradition in the annual curtain raiser. But by the time United had won, a more troubling thought had arisen. Will the arrival of Roy Keane persuade Alex Ferguson to clip United's wings this season and play three in midfield? It seems almost inconceivable that he would sacrifice the team's great strength, with Giggs, the revitalised Kanchelskis and Sharpe all pressing for places, but he might. Ferguson is innately cautious and although last year he allowed his side its freedom, as the pressures mounted the caution may surface again.

Nobody could dispute his decision to take off Giggs, who had a quiet game on Saturday, but rather than bring on Sharpe, who had an outstanding 45 minutes against Celtic last week, Ferguson switched to 4-3-3 and sent on Bryan Robson, whose omission from the starting line-up had been one of his most difficult decisions.

Ferguson said afterwards that the decision to switch to 4-3-3 had been in his mind before the match, and this was an experiment to see how it looked. But the arrival of Keane, Robson's return to fitness and the re-emergence of Kanchelskis has left Ferguson with a series of selection problems.

On Saturday McClair, Robson and Sharpe were all on the bench; Dion Dublin and Mike Phelan stayed in their suits, while Danny Wallace and Lee Martin did not even get into the 19-man squad that travelled to London.

"It's difficult for the manager, but it's even more difficult for the players who are left out," Robson said. "I think I'd done as well as anybody in pre-season, and I was hoping to play. It's good for the club because the competition keeps people who are playing on their toes. The boss is going to need a big squad if we are going to do well in all competitions, especially in Europe."

That may be Ferguson's way out of what is likely to be a continuing problem unless there is a series of injuries. Many thought he might shrink from leaving out his captain, Keane's lack of fitness providing an excuse, but Ferguson had no hesitation in grasping the nettle.

"I had to find out how Keane played with Ince, what the balance was like," Ferguson explained. "Robson has done everything asked of him, but at 36 anything we get from him now is a bonus. The future of this club is Ince and Keane, and we have to accept that."

Initially United played some scintillating football, with Keane's strong running from deep, Cantona's wit and the devastating speed of Kanchelskis stretching Arsenal to breaking point. The goal after eight minutes summed up United's early play, Cantona's measured lob and Hughes's falling volley being of equal excellence.

But Cantona's finishing was less precise when Kanchelskis and Keane provided him with openings, and United lost their fluency, persuading Ferguson to turn to Robson. That also had something to do with Arsenal. George Graham has complained about the lack of appreciation his club receives. On this occasion the chants of "boring, boring Arsenal" as they mounted the steps to the royal box were unfair, but even in the Charity Shield stopping the other side from playing is the basis for their success.

However, they do have forwards the equal of any club. Graham singled out Kevin Campbell's contribution, suggesting that he may be poised to fulfil the promise of two years ago, but it was Ian Wright who received United's admiration, and not just for the virtuosity of his goal, hooked out of nothing over Schmeichel in a blur that demonstrated the natural predator.

"His movement is so outstanding," Steve Bruce said. "You have to watch him all the time, you can't give him even a glimpse of goal, as we saw, but he's always capable of doing something unexpected."

How ironic that Wright should miss the penalty that would have taken the trophy to Highbury. Other trophies will surely arrive instead.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon (sub: M Keown, 45min), A Linighan, A Adams, N Winterburn — A Limpar (sub: E McGoldrick, 74), J Jensen, P Davis, P Merson — K Campbell, I Wright.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — R Keane, P Ince — A Kanchelskis, E Cantona, M Hughes, R Giggs (sub: B Robson, 87).
Referee: G Ashby (Worcestershire).

Season dawns uneasily in twilight world



Andrew Longmore sees some familiar patterns emerge in the Charity Shield at Wembley

WITHOUT knowing it, you could tell this was a friendly. John Jensen, who branded Chris Waddle's ankle inside 15 seconds in the FA Cup final replay, took three minutes to commit the first foul of the match; and Anders Limpar, of all people, was an advertisement for the new "Fair Play" theme which will be promoted by the Football Association in the FA Carling Premiership (formerly the Premier League) this season.

Arsenal did their best to join in the spirit of the occasion, applauding the winners heartily at the end, but charity, in a footballing sense at least, is not part of their make-up. They have not won the Charity Shield outright for nearly 40 years. The fact that David Seaman, their goalkeeper, was selected to take what turned out to be the match-losing penalty turned the denouement perilously close to farce.

With Arsenal, it is either all or nothing. They are unhappy in the twilight world of friendlies and their supporters, outnumbered roughly two to one by Manchester United's, were rather self-conscious about the whole affair as if, like the team, they had attended more out of a sense of duty than enjoyment. If Arsenal are to make a decent fist of defending their two cups, they will need to conserve their cash as well as their voices for later in the season anyway.

In the midst of the frippery, there were enough threads for a familiar pattern to emerge in time for the serious business that starts on Saturday, when Arsenal are at home to Coventry City and United begin the defence of their title at Norwich.

'United were, at times, near-suicidal in their willingness to attack; Arsenal, organised, disciplined, relentless as ever, had to rely on Wright to provide the cutting edge, as he did for most of last season. Wright's equaliser was a classic piece of improvisation and quick thinking. "Brilliant," said the manager. But George Graham would have slept a little more easily if the scorer had been Campbell or Merson, from whom he needs a larger share of the goals this season.

United have the opposite problem. Keane, Kanchelskis, Giggs, even Ince, the midfield anchor, all have an instinct to charge forward and all, barring Ince, score their quota. It is refreshing to watch but frightening to think what AC Milan might do with the possession Arsenal were allowed, and with the space left vacant by the cavalry charge.

Without Robson, who did not start on Saturday, United lack a bit of savvy in midfield, though Ince has developed into a robust and skilful player; and not the least of Alex Ferguson's quandaries is how to balance aggression with caution in time for the start of the European Cup campaign against Honved, the Hungarian champions, in mid-September.

At one moment, the atmosphere tightened suddenly. No matter that this was a limb-stretching irrelevance on a late summer afternoon, it would have been an embarrassment had Roy Keane, at £3.75 million the most expensive player in the land, missed a penalty in front of his new supporters and, possibly, cost the club a trophy. Even Keane's self-confidence might have been dented. But with some panache, and evident relief, he passed his first test.

Keane, 22 tomorrow, had a satisfactory if unspectacular afternoon. To his credit, he did not hide when the penalty duties were being allotted. "I asked him if he wanted to take one and he said: 'No problem'," Ferguson said.

Giggs seemed to regard the afternoon merely as an exhibition and was more ornament than pillar. Bandy-legged, baggy-shorted and Brylcreemed, he looked the part of the wizard of the wing, but kept bouncing off the yellow brick wall of the Arsenal defence. His crosses never found their man and his most telling contribution was an unintentional assist in Wright's first-half equaliser. "All young players have their spells. He just went out of the game," Ferguson said.

The United manager will expect the consistency to return by next weekend. "That's when the real ball game starts," Graham added. Arsenal will then be back in their element.

Akabusi leaves hectic world of pay claims and burn-out

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN MONACO

WHILE the majority were tightening the bolts on their machinery before marching into the world championships combat zone this week, an old sporting soldier was loosening his. Kriss Akabusi, one-time Army warrant officer, left his post as Britain's 400 metres hurdles standard-bearer abroad.

Akabusi said his farewells to the best in his field from behind a partition in a corner of the Louis II stadium, where the athletes competing in the grand prix meeting here were united with their kit. Most go from Monte Carlo to the World Championships in Stuttgart, beginning on Saturday, but Akabusi is going home.There was no storybook ending, no glorious defeat of Samuel Matete, the world champion, or of Kevin Young, the Olympic champion; but what fun he had.

The records will show that, in his last overseas race, the British record holder, with Olympic, Commonwealth, world and European medals to his name, finished sixth. He has trained hard this season but not to his limits.

"This is the last time I race these guys," Akabusi, 34, said. "How do I feel? What a great career. I have been privileged to race the best guys in the world for the last four years and I am looking forward to participating in athletics as a spectator." His seat will be waiting after his last race of any kind, in Gateshead on August 29, when a soft field will be tailored for an Akabusi victory.

Young, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) male world athlete of 1992, lost here for the third time in four races. Spiderman, as he was nicknamed at college because of his long legs, seems caught in a web of his own making. "He has run too many races at a high level and is jaded," Akabusi said.

Matete won in 47.94sec with Young, who has been omnipresent on the circuit this season, second in 48.10. Akabusi, whose national record is 47.82, recorded 49.04, still better than any other Briton this year.

Tales of mystery and intrigue persist with Noureddine Morceli still threatening not to compete in the World Championships. Tatyana Ledovskaya failing to show for the 400 metres



Morceli: bartering

hurdles, and Jon Drummond wondering whether he will be let into the 100 metres.

Morceli was, for the second successive grand prix, the performer of the night. After his 3min 30.06sec 1,500 metres in Zurich on Wednesday, he won the 3,000 metres here in 7min 29.24sec, the second fastest recorded and only 0.28sec outside the world record held by Moses Kiptanui, of Kenya.

Morceli, an Algerian, wants payment to compete. "The door is not closed," he said. If the money does not come from his sponsor or federation, he feels it should come from the IAAF. The IAAF has, after all, been known to leave money under the counter for Carl Lewis to compete in a grand prix final and there are mutterings that he has a deal which effectively means he is paid to run in Stuttgart. Morceli, who commands some $70,000 a race, is using his bartering instincts.

Ledovskaya, who denied Sally Gunnell the world title two years ago, was listed to make her circuit debut but did not show, apparently because there was insufficient fuel in her plane for take-off from Minsk airport on Friday. So Gunnell will see nothing of the last athlete left, who on this season's form is capable of challenging her, until the heats in Stuttgart.

Drummond, who maintained his 100 metres form with a win in 10.05sec here, is uncertain whether he will be challenging Linford Christie in Stuttgart. Drummond, a United States reserve, would be called in to replace Dennis Mitchell, if recent injury forces his withdrawal. But Drummond has been given no information by the US management, who ought to be clear on the issue to help Drummond's preparation.

John Regis, who arrived without a lane for the 200 metres, was found one after some argument. He finished third in 20.27sec, but ahead of Lewis. Sonia O'Sullivan, of Ireland, and Alison Wyeth, of Britain, set 1,500 metres personal bests of 3min 59.60 and 4:03.17, encouraging for their 3,000 metres hopes in Stuttgart. O'Sullivan finished second to Violeta Beclea, of Romania, who recorded 3:59.35.

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Household Cavalry live up to billing

BY JOHN WATSON

THE Household Cavalry won the Hackett-sponsored Captains and Subalterns Polo Cup at Tidworth yesterday, with a 7-4 victory against the Foot Guards (received two).

It is a sad reflection of the effects of the defence cuts, however, that the Captains and Subalterns challenge, which used to attract upwards of a dozen teams, last month had only four. To produce a semi-final forum the Brigade of Guards were permitted to enter a single team, drawn from the five Guards regiments, and the Royal Navy was also eligible to play.

In the semi-finals, the Foot Guards beat The Queen's Royal Lancers 5-4, while the Household Cavalry trounced the navy. The Household Cavalry, which has squadrons of both The Life Guards and the Blues and Royals combined under two separate commands, may now enter according to their separate identities or as a single regiment, as they did this year.

Having won the inter-regimental competition last week they were clear favourites for the final. Formidably handicapped by army standards, and also individually well mounted, they were pivoted on Lt Michael Barlow, a former professional. He and his No 2, Capt Jamie Woodward, are the two highest handicapped players at regimental level in the army. In the match yesterday, the No 1, Lt Tom Pitman, scored three goals.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY: 1, Lt T Pitman (0); 2, Capt J Woodward (2); 3, Lt M Barlow (2). Back: Lt H Jodrell (-1).
FOOT GUARDS: 1, Lt G Bertie-Jones (-1); 2, Capt M O'Dwyer (1); 3, Lt R Thomelce (1); Back: Lt R Ferguson (-1).

Italians lead Admiral's Cup pack in hard-fought tussle

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

ITALY, Germany and Australia were closely contesting the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup last night, as the Fastnet race fleet headed into the Irish Sea towards the Fastnet Rock off Ireland, the turning point in this classic race over 605 miles.

The three-boat French team, which came from behind to clinch the cup in this race two years ago, were also very much in the frame. They only lay fifth in the overall standings when the fleet set out from Cowes on Saturday, but could yet snatch victory a second time if the leading teams falter. Their yachts, Corum Saphir and Corum Rubis, led the 50ft and two-ton classes, while Corum Diamant held fourth place among the one-tonners.

The Italians set out on Saturday with a one-point lead in the series, and, despite the loss of Mandrake, their star 50-footer in a collision last week, remained in contention with Brava Q8, Paul Cayard's yacht, holding second in the one-ton fleet and Larouge lying third among the two-tonners.

The Germans were fighting hard with Pinta, Willie Illbruck's yacht, holding first place in the one-ton fleet and Rubin chasing Corum Rubis for line honours among the two-tonners. Container, their 50 footer which had led the Admiral's Cup fleet out of the Solent, had dropped to fourth place during the long beat towards Lands End.

Australia appeared the weakest team among the front runners last night with their boats standing in third, fourth and fifth places within the 50ft, two-ton and one-ton fleets, but with Great News, John Calvert-Jones's two-tonner, locked in a close tussle with Larouge, this team were still very much in the reckoning.

There was no word yesterday from Graham Walker's leading British team yacht, Indulgence. She was the only Admiral's Cup yacht not to report her position, perhaps for tactical reasons because Walker's crew had been leading the entire fleet along with Syd Fischer's Ragamuffin on Saturday night.

The race got off to a spectacular start on Saturday and, as the fleet headed out past the Needles, Mike Taylor, a crewman aboard Chantelle, a class three entry, was knocked overboard. His crew got him back onboard and he was later transferred to an inflatable boat and taken to hospital in Lymington, where he was later discharged.

STANDINGS: (positions subject to protest) 50-foot class: 1, Indulgence (UK); 2, Ragamuffin (Aus); 3, Corum Saphir (Fra); 4, Champosa (Jap); 5, Condelmar (Ger); 6, Jameson Three (Ire).Two-ton class: 1, Larouge (Italy); 2, Corum Rubis (Fra); 3, Rubin (Ger); 4, Jameson Two (Ire); 5, Great News (Aus); 6, Swing (Jap).One-ton class: 1, Pinta (Germany); 2 ,Brava Q8 (Italy); 3, Corum Diamant (Fra); 4, Ninja (Aus); 5, Nippon (Jap); 6, Ace (Hol); 7, GBE International (UK).

Bramwell left full of regrets

BY ALIX RAMSAY

ALMOST 250 yachts passing the Royal Yacht Squadron on their way to Plymouth at the start of the Fastnet race made an impressive sight, but the departure left large holes in some of the class races on the final day of Cowes Week.

For most classes, the serious work had been done earlier in the week and Saturday's results made little difference to the overall placings, but Nigel Bramwell must wish he had stayed in Cowes rather than try the Fastnet.

His CHS Class 1 yacht, J-Hawk, had just made it to the starting line when it was hit, splitting the hull, by Nicorette, and had to limp home. To make matters worse, with just one win during the week, Bramwell could not overtake Greg Peck's Camp Freddie in the Cowes Week points total. Camp Freddie, meanwhile, stayed behind to race on Saturday, but, as it was the only boat entered, the result counted for little.

Chris Little, too, was less than happy as Saturday began. After finishing second for most of the week with Bounder of the Century, he finally won on Friday only to forget to make his declaration after the race and be disqualified, all of which left him in fourth place overall.

Pippa and Stephen Bailey notched up a family double in their two yachts, both called Arbitrator. Pippa won the Sigma 38 championship with three victories while Stephen won in the Etchells class after sparring with Michael Law's Intruder and Richard Power and Nick Griffith's Jessica all week.

The Duke of Edinburgh left Cowes on Wednesday with happy memories after winning his first race in 30 years. Despite missing the last three days of racing, his results took him to fifth place overall in Yeoman XXVIII.

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Rangers in control from the outset

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

IT TOOK just 90 minutes of the new football season for Rangers to establish the usual order in the Scottish League. If a premier division table were published after one game, they would be seen at the top, and who is to say that they will not still be there next May?

Rangers set off in search of their fifth consecutive championship on Saturday with seven players — with a combined transfer value of £11 million — injured and in the Ibrox stands. Among those missing were Duncan Ferguson and Ally McCoist, but it made no difference as **Heart of Midlothian** were beaten 2-1.

David Hagen, 20, was quick to seize both McCoist's No 9 shirt and his chance, putting Rangers ahead in first-half injury time, and Mark Hateley, 11 years Hagen's senior, headed a second to give Rangers the cushion they needed when John Brown glanced a cross into his own net four minutes from time.

It will be another month at least before McCoist resumes his career after breaking a leg, but Ferguson starts training next week and such is the scale and depth of talent in the Rangers squad that some of their rivals seem to have conceded the title already. "We restricted them to three chances and they scored two goals," Craig Levein, the Hearts captain, said.

Aberdeen and Celtic opened with draws away from home. Celtic were soon 2-0 down against Motherwell but recovered with goals from their two former West Ham United forwards, Slater and McAvennie. Aberdeen also had to come from behind against **Dundee United**.

Turtle Island maintains Sangster's run of success

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

ROBERT Sangster, so dominant with his juveniles this season, collected another valuable prize, the £85,500 Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes, at Leopardstown yesterday when his colt, Turtle Island, the 7-4 favourite, got the better of Las Meninas, also owned by Sangster, by half a length.

The ground was riding on the fast side and Richard Hannon decided not to run Risky, while her intended rider, Pat Eddery, was re-routed to Deauville.

The early pace was on the slow side with the Aga Khan's Karaka, who had won a maiden at Tipperary on Monday by a short head, showing in front of Turtle Island. John Reid kicked on with Turtle Island and, although obliged to switch his whip entering the final furlong, never looked like being caught as Las Meninas made up a lot of ground after being badly hampered early on.

Because of the slow pace, there was a good deal of crowding among the pursuers and there was a gap of 3½ lengths to Fast Eddy, who took third place off Karaka, with Gold Land, unlucky in running, a close fifth.

The winning owner said: "It had been our idea to keep Turtle Island for the Prix Morny at Deauville but, with the doubt surrounding Risky, Peter Chapple-Hyam persuaded me that this tough horse could well go for the double. If he comes out of this race in satisfactory condition, he will go for the Morny."

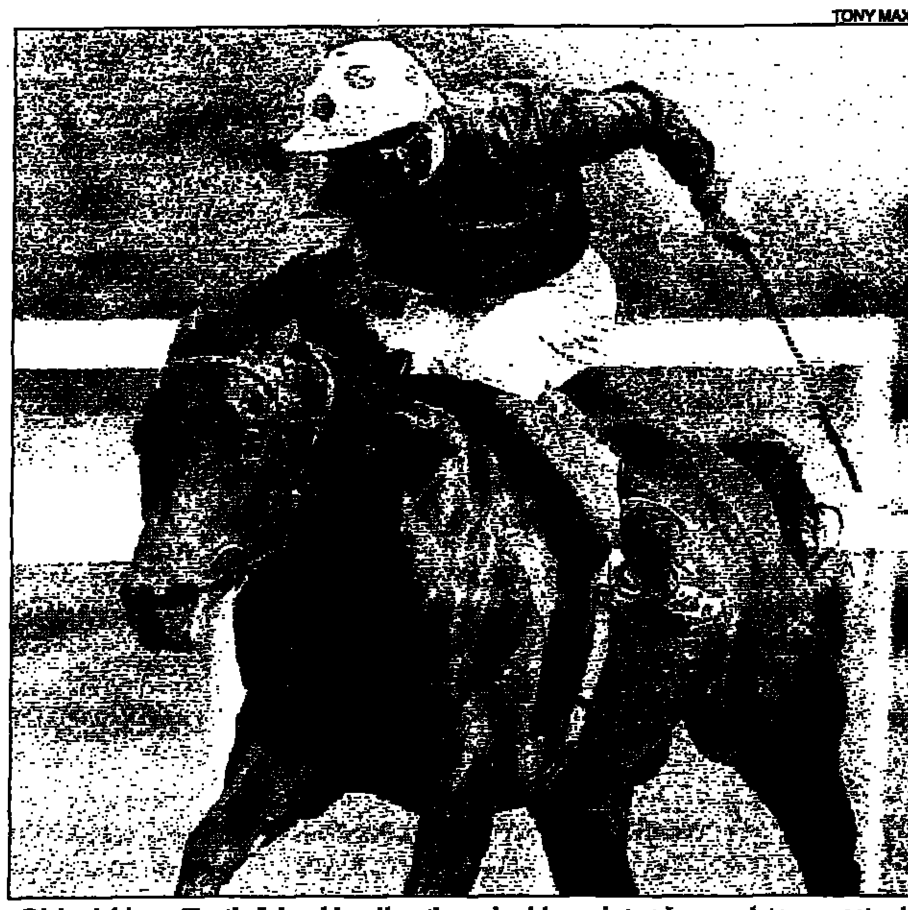
Sangster recalled that John Magnier had gone half shares with him in a batch of ten mares which they bought to send to Fairy King, whom they considered was much underrated as a stallion.

Turtle Island came on the market at the Doncaster sales last September but, although he carried a modest reserve of 30,000 guineas, no-one bought the colt.

The winning rider, John Reid, had earlier ridden a copybook race on another Sangster-bred horse, John Mulhern's Approach The Bench, to win the Ir£15,000 Ballyroan Stakes by half a length from Krisdaline. Reid went on to complete an excellent treble aboard Sweet Nasha in the Shankill Handicap.

On Saturday, the Dermot Weld-trained Tropical held off British raiders, Montendre, Midhish and Marina Park, to capture the group three Phoenix Sprint Stakes.

TONY MAXWELL



Rich pickings: Turtle Island landing the valuable sprint at Leopardstown yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GREENSON (6.30 Leicester)
Next best: Tashla (7.40 Thirsk)

Big-race result

3.45 (6f) 1, Turtle Island (J Reid, 7-4 fav); 2, Las Meninas (10-1); 3, Fast Eddy (11-4). 9 ran. NR: Risky. ½l, 3½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote £2.70; £1.40, £2.30, £1.60. DF: £13.70. CSF: £20.03. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Bright Moon wins Deauville feature

BRIGHT Moon proved too strong for the British-trained pair Spring and Oakmead in the group two Prix de Pomone at Deauville yesterday (Our French Racing Correspondent writes). The winner had a comfortable 2½ lengths to spare over Spring, with Oakmead another neck away third and Always Friendly sixth.

The Prix Vermeille is next on the agenda for Bright Moon, who is trained by Andre Fabre, while Peter Chapple-Hyam could send Oakmead for the Yorkshire Oaks in nine days' time. Always Friendly is pencilled in for a return to Deauville for the group two Prix Kergorlay on Sunday week.

At the Normandy track on Saturday, Lester Piggott readily landed the group three Prix de Psyche on Danse Royale, trained in Ireland by Michael Grassick. "She'll have a warm-up race before going for the Irish Champion Stakes," Grassick said. The sole British raider, the Roger Charlton-trained Athens Belle, stayed on strongly to finish a five-length fifth.

Pat Eddery rode the highly-regarded newcomer, Bonash, owned by Khaled Abdulla and trained by Fabre, to an impressive two length victory in the Prix des Marettes. The daughter of Rainbow Quest justified odds-on favouritism in a manner which suggested she could develop into classic material next season.

☐ Pips Pride, trained by Richard Hannon, gave Steve Raymont the biggest win of his riding career when taking the £81,000 Grosser Preis von Berlin over 6½ furlongs yesterday. Hannon also won the race last year with Mr Brooks.

☐ The Barry Hills-trained Zimzalabim added to recent wins in Austria and Slovakia by taking the listed Premio Citta di Grosseto in Tuscany on Saturday.

Stud plans undecided as Zafonic is retired

ZAFONIC has run his last race, but details concerning retirement plans for the Chantilly-based 2,000 Guineas winner remain in doubt.

Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to the colt's owner, Khaled Abdulla, said at Deauville on Saturday: "Zafonic will not run again. However, his future has not yet been decided."

Zafonic was hailed as a superstar after his Newmarket classic success, which was accomplished in record time, but he was a bitter disappointment when only seventh in the Sussex Stakes at Goodwood last month.

The Andre Fabre-trained colt was found to have broken blood vessels and there was speculation that he might continue his racing career in the United States, where medication to prevent a recurrence is legal in some states.

But Fabre was quick to dissociate himself from such a plan and the weekend announcement suggests that Abdulla is also opposed to using drugs to extend Zafonic's racing career.

WINDSOR

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2.30 Vanborough Lad. 3.00 Prince Azzaan. 3.30 TORCH ROUGE (nap). 4.00 Santana Lady. 4.30 Arvola. 5.00 Walnut Birl. 5.30 Stella Mystika.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 Arvola.

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(£2,301: 1m 3f 135yd) (7 runners)

1 (5) 0/0000 ABSOLUTELY HUMMING 9 (G) (Miss V Markowiak) J Long 7-9-13 R Price –
2 (6) 010-000 FORTUNE STAR 9 (S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-9-13 Rachel Bridger (7) –
3 (2) 3-00430 NOTED STRAIN 28 (G) (D Ahier) P Makin 5-9-13 Pat Eddery 90
4 (3) 005302 VANBOROUGH LAD 14 (B,S) (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 4-9-13 J Reid 96
5 (4) 3-00102 KIAWAH 54 (F) (R Field) J Fanshawe 3-8-11 N Varley (7)
6 (1) 00-0000 JAFETICA 45 (I McGready) D Laing 3-8-8 W Newnes –
7 (7) PETITE JUNE (T Mills) T Mills 3-8-8 N Gwilliams (5) –

BETTING: 5-2 Kiawah, 3-1 Vanborough Lad, 7-2 Noted Strain, 6-1 Petite June, 10-1 Absolutely Humming, 12-1 Jafetica, 16-1 Fortune Star

1992: CAROUSEL MUSIC 5-8-8 M Roberts (4-1) J Akehurst 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABSOLUTELY HUMMING 3l 7th of 21 to Falland in a selling handicap here (1m 67yd, good to firm). NOTED STRAIN 5½l 3rd of 9 to Dancing Days in a selling handicap at Southwell (AW, 2m). VANBOROUGH LAD neck 2nd of 10 to With Gusto in a claimer over course and distance (good). KIAWAH 2l 2nd of 8 to Don't Forget Marie in an apprentice riders' claimer at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: VANBOROUGH LAD

3.00 ROBERT AND NORAH WILMOT NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,080: 5f 217yd) (11 runners)

1 (1) 2304 RAPIER POINT 13 (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 9-7 J Weaver 91
2 (4) 55130 KINGSWELL PRINCE 9 (D,F) (S Crown) M Channon 9-7 T Quinn 98
3 (11) 41010 PRINCE AZZAAN 9 (BF,F) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 9-4 Pat Eddery
4 (7) 543 ALCOVE 74 (Highclere Thoroughbred Ltd) R Hannon 9-4 L Dettori 95
5 (8) 0041 DANCING LAWYER 9 (CD,G) (Vintage Services Ltd) B Meehan 9-1 W Newnes 98
6 (10) 3166 CABCHARGE PRINCESS 13 (S) (Cab Racing Club) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson 95
7 (2) 3531 MAJOR SUCCESS 19 (B) (W Gredley) B Hills 8-13 D Holland 90
8 (3) 033 SUN CHIEF 74 (BF) (E Reitel) B Curley 8-10 N Day 89
9 (6) 40406 KNIGHTRIDER 11 (P De Weck) C James 8-5 J Williams 86
10 (5) 662 BROUGHTONS PARTNER 65 (B Fulton) W Musson 8-1 J Quinn 88
11 (9) 3000 GINGERILLO 11 (B) (Mrs V Morgan) T Mills 7-9 Dale Gibson 89

BETTING: 5-2 Prince Azzaan, 4-1 Dancing Lawyer, 6-1 Kingswell Prince, Cabcharge Princess, 8-1 Rapier Point, 9-1 Alcove, 12-1 Major Success, 14-1 Broughtons Partner, 16-1 others.

1992: TRUE STORY 8-11 M Roberts (7-2) R Hannon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAPIER POINT around 4l 4th of 12 to Selhurstpark Flyer in a nursery handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to soft) with CABCHARGE PRINCESS (same terms) 1½l 6th.
PRINCE AZZAAN 10l 9th of 18 to Hever Golf Rose in a valuable nursery handicap at Newmarket (6f, good) with KINGSWELL PRINCE (1lb better off) 2l 12th.
DANCING LAWYER beat Arz ½l in a 19-runner auction maiden over course and distance (good). CABCHARGE PRINCESS beat Arady 1l in a 7-runner maiden at Bath (5f 11yd, good to soft) with MAJOR SUCCESS (1lb better off) 3l 5th.
MAJOR SUCCESS beat Moment Of Glory 4l in a 12-runner seller at Yarmouth (7f, good). SUN CHIEF 2½l 3rd of 16 to Desert Lore on penultimate start in a maiden at Bath (5f 11yd, good).
Selection: PRINCE AZZAAN

3.30 JUNIORS CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,850: 5f 217yd) (6 runners)

1 (1) 1 AVERTI 8 (D,G) (D Deer) W Muir 9-0 T Quinn 84
2 (3) 41 BATTLING BLUE 26 (G) (D Thompson) B Hanson 9-0 Pat Eddery 91
3 (5) 16 BEAUTETE 11 (D,F) (D Churston) S Dow 9-0 J Weaver 94
4 (6) 12 TORCH ROUGE 18 (BF,F) (J Hanson) B Hills 9-0 D Holland
5 (2) 6 KNAVE'S ASH 9 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-10 M Roberts –
6 (4) 00 ROYAL INTERPRETER 41 (Racing Thoroughbreds Plc) P McEntee 8-10 R Perham 60

BETTING: 7-4 Torch Rouge, 2-1 Averti, 9-2 Battling Blue, 5-1 Knave's Ash, 8-1 Beautete, 33-1 Royal Interpreter.

1992: REALITIES 9-2 J Reid (7-4) G Harwood 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

AVERTI impressive when beating Brave Edge 4l in a 10-runner maiden at Lingfield (6f, good). BATTLING BLUE beat Dance Focus neck in a 5-runner maiden at Sandown (5f, good). BEAUTETE outclassed in group III Champagne Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good to soft); previously beat Bagshot 1l in a 7-runner maiden there (6f, good to firm). TORCH ROUGE ¾l 2nd of 6 to Unblest in a conditions race at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). KNAVE'S ASH 10¾l 6th of 11 to Forest Gazelle in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: AVERTI (nap)

4.00 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP
(£3,131: 1m 2f 7yd) (10 runners)

1 (2) 003313 GILDERDALE 8 (D,F,G) (Abbott Racing Partners) J Hills 11-10-0 B Doyle 95
2 (10) 035664 SONG OF SIXPENCE 12 (CD,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-9-10 C Scudder (7)
3 (8) 050314 PORT SUNLIGHT 13 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 5-9-10 D O'Neill (5) 98
4 (1) 314 DAMOOS 98 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-7 Lisa Jacobs (7) 91
5 (3) 00-5 WINGS COVE 135 (E Cohen) Lady Herries 3-9-1 J Tate –
6 (7) 000323 SANTANA LADY 14 (CD,G) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-12 Ruth Coulter (5) 97
7 (6) 214100 PIGALLE WONDER 135 (B,D,G) (Miss N Plann) R O'Sullivan 5-8-2 B Russell 91
8 (4) 05033-0 RIVE-JUMELLE 11 (CD,F,G) (M D Fitzgerald) M Bell 5-8-1 M Fenton 92
9 (9) 344110 BRONZE RUNNER 20 (B,C,D,BF,F,G) (Austin Stroud Ltd) S Mellor 9-7-7 A Daly (7) 90
10 (5) 3-50641 BROWN CARPET 14 (B,C,G) (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 6-7-7 D Wright 91

Long handicap: Bronze Runner 7-5, Brown Carpet 7-1.

BETTING: 11-4 Port Sunlight, 7-2 Gilderdale, 5-1 Damoos, 6-1 Santana Lady, 8-1 Wings Cove, Song Of Sixpence, 10-1 Brown Carpet, 12-1 Bronze Runner, 16-1 Rive-Jumelle, Pigalle Wonder.

1992: SANTANA LADY 3-8-1 Ruth Coulter (13-2) M Heaton-Ellis 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

GILDERDALE beat Tiger Claw 1½l in an 8-runner handicap at Bath (1m 2f, firm). SONG OF SIXPENCE 7l 4th of 7 to Mr Tate in apprentices' race at Epsom (1m 2f 18yd, good) last time. PORT SUNLIGHT 3l 4th of 13 to disqualified Knowth in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft). SANTANA LADY 1½l 3rd of 15 to Bentico in a handicap over course and distance (good) with BROWN CARPET (2lb worse off) 2l 4th. PIGALLE WONDER beat Awesome Power neck in an 8-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) in March. BRONZE RUNNER beat Premier Dance head in a 19-runner selling handicap on penultimate start here (1m 3f 11yd, good to firm) with BROWN CARPET (6lb worse off) 6¾l 6th.
Selection: GILDERDALE

4.30 ANDREW AND KAREN REID WEDDING DAY MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,933: 1m 67yd) (21 runners)

1 (1) 66 GARRY'S CHOICE 18 (Mrs J Frankham) B Smart 4-9-7 Dale Gibson 60
2 (6) 00-8500 THE POWER OF ONE 13 (B) (Mrs C Painting) R Simpson 4-9-7 A Tucker 78
3 (5) 4 CUFF LINK 18 (Lord Weinstock) W Hern 3-9-0 J Reid 82
4 (3) 04 DUBAI SUMMER 18 (Shaikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) M Jarvis 3-9-0 N Day 82
5 (20) IVORY HUTCH (F Ivory) R O'Sullivan 3-9-0 A Clark –
6 (19) ON THE LEDGE (J Hawkes) A Stewart 3-9-0 S Whitworth –
7 (16) REMEMBER THIS (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-9-0 J D Smith (7) –
8 (13) ROYAL MANOEVRE (Mrs S O'Brien) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-0 Stephen Davies (5) –
9 (15) 0 SILK ISLAND 9 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-0 G Hind –
10 (4) 5640-05 VILLAGE GREEN 9 (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 3-9-0 B Doyle (3) 98
11 (10) WORDS OF WISDOM (M Morrison) C Cyzer 3-9-0 W Newnes –
12 (12) 3 ARVOLA 18 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-9 M Roberts 85
13 (14) 0 BUY BY NIGHT 30 (J Bosley) J Bosley 3-8-9 J Weaver –
14 (11) 0 CAMBARA 17 (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-9 W Carson –
15 (9) CUCKMERE VENTURE (R Streeter) R Voorspuy 3-8-9 P Robinson –
16 (18) DIXIE DIAMOND (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 3-8-9 B Rouse –
17 (17) 0 JOAN'S GIFT 30 (R Lamb) C Benstead 3-8-9 T Williams –
18 (21) 22-3504 REINE DE NEIGE 9 (M Al-Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-9 W R Swinburn
19 (7) 00 RIZ BIZ 9 (A Rizzo) M Bell 3-8-9 M Hills –
20 (2) VALBRA (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-9 Pat Eddery –
21 (8) 6-0 WELSH HERITAGE 25 (J Thomas) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-9 D Harrison (3) 90

BETTING: 5-2 Arvola, 3-1 Valbra, 7-1 Reine De Neige, 8-1 Royal Manoevre, 10-1 Dubai Summer, Cambara, 12-1 Cuff Link, 16-1 On The Ledge, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CUFF LINK 8l 4th of 8 to El Duco in a maiden at Brighton (1m, good to firm) with GARRY'S CHOICE 9l 6th. ON THE LEDGE, by Alleged, half-brother to 7f juvenile maiden winner Campestral. ROYAL MANOEVRE, by Slip Anchor, half-brother to 6f-7f winner Trojan General. ARVOLA neck and a head 3rd of 13 to Fuchu in a maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good) with DUBAI SUMMER 4l 4th. REINE DE NEIGE 4½l 4th of 25 to Tocher Ban in a maiden here (1m 2f, good to firm) with RIZ BIZ 15l 11th and SILK ISLAND 14l 22nd. RIZ BIZ tailed off 12th of 15 to Peter Quince in a valuable maiden at Ascot (1m 2f, good) with VILLAGE GREEN 5l 13th and CAMBARA 8l 14th. VALBRA by Dancing Brave out of high-class sprinter-miler Interval.
Selection: ARVOLA

5.00 SENIORS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,340: 1m 67yd) (11 runners)

1 (2) 005520 SECRET ASSIGNMENT 2 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-7 J D Smith (7) 91
2 (8) 845132 MR CUBE 12 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs D Anderson) P Cole 9-6 T G McLaughlin (7) 91
3 (3) 01334-5 KNOBBLEENEEZE 219 (V,BF,G) (A Andrews) M Channon 9-4 S Whitworth 80
4 (9) 3-20624 BICHETTE 45 (BF,G) (P Higson) G L Moore 9-3 B Rouse 81
5 (10) 001653 LOCHORE 19 (D,G) (L Devine) R Ingram 9-2 A Tucker 91
6 (1) 0354 AKHLAK 46 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-1 W Carson
7 (11) 30-0050 SPRING SUNRISE 11 (V,F,S) (R Campbell) M Blanshard 8-13 F Norton 86
8 (4) 006060 WALNUT BURL 11 (F) (G Steinberg) L Holt 8-12 J Reid 91
9 (7) 504006 MURPHY'S HOPE 11 (D McCormick) M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 M Roberts 90
10 (6) 4-0010 JALIB 11 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 8-8 T Williams 87
11 (5) 00-0610 SMART TEACHER 18 (D,BF,F) (Triple Owners I8) P Harris 8-4 G Hind 96

BETTING: 3-1 Mr Cube, 9-2 Lochore, 5-1 Akhlak, 6-1 Bichette, 8-1 Smart Teacher, 10-1 Jalib, 12-1 Secret Assignment, 14-1 Knobbleeneeze, 16-1 Walnut Burl, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SECRET ASSIGNMENT head 2nd of 12 to Stay With Me Baby in a handicap at Salisbury (1m, good) with MURPHY'S HOPE (7lb better off) 11¼l 6th. SPRING SUNRISE (9lb better off) 2¾l 6th and JALIB (4lb better off) 17l 12th. MR CUBE 1½l 2nd of 5 to He's A King in a handicap at Leicester (1m, good). BICHETTE ¾l 2nd of 9 to Raging Thunder in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m). LOCHORE 7l 3rd of 15 to Commanche Companion in an apprentice riders' handicap at Sandown (1m, good). JALIB beat Newington Butts head in a 4-runner maiden at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). SMART TEACHER beat Flashman 5l in a 9-runner handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, firm).
Selection: SMART TEACHER

5.30 SWAN FILLIES STAKES (£3,318: 1m 67yd) (4 runners)

1 (3) 122 ETOSHA 18 (F) (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-11 M Hills 92
2 (4) 32-15 FIRST VEIL 24 (G) (R Tooth) D Elsworth 3-8-11 W Carson 91
3 (1) 2-10 STELLA MYSTIKA 102 (G) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-11 M Roberts 85
4 (2) 21323- SELF ASSURED 310 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-7 S Whitworth

BETTING: 6-4 Stella Mystika, 2-1 Etosha, 5-2 Self Assured, 5-1 First Veil

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ETOSHA 5l 3rd, placed 2nd, to Powerful Edge in a 9-runner conditions race at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). FIRST VEIL 7¾l 5th of 11 to Thourios in a conditions' race at Newbury (7f 164yd, good). STELLA MYSTIKA beat Seasonal Splendour 2½l in a 10-runner maiden at Newmarket (7f, good). SELF ASSURED 3l 2nd of 12 to Marillette in the group III May Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m, good) in September.
Selection: ETOSHA

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
L Cumani	12	36	33.3	Pat Eddery	51	207	24.6
H Cecil	9	33	27.3	Stephen Davies	3	14	21.4
G Wragg	3	14	21.4	W R Swinburn	14	81	17.3
M Jarvis	7	33	21.2	M Roberts	19	114	16.7
A Stewart	6	29	20.7	L Dettori	17	104	16.3
P Makin	7	36	19.4	J Reid	18	145	12.4

☐ Sabrehill, owned by Shaikh Mohammed and trained by Henry Cecil, has been backed from 20-1 to 14-1 with William Hill for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp on October 3. The colt worked well after racing at Newmarket on Saturday.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER
2.15 Kutan. 2.45 Crafty Chaplain. 3.15 Bondlad. 3.45 Gala's Image. 4.15 Classic Contact. 4.45 Little Tom.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.15 NIMROD NOVICES SELLING HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £1,480: 2m) (13 runners)

1 U CASHABLE 10 J Jenkins 10-12 S Smith Eccles
2 DOCTOR-J 11F M Heaton-Ellis 10-12 S Keightley
3 DUKE OF BUDWORTH 18F M Tompkins 10-12 D Murphy
4 KUTAN 18F R Simpson 10-12 D Gallagher
5 WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 6F P Pritchard 10-12 R Davis (5)
6 0 ANNIE ROSE 9 (B) R Frost 10-7 J Frost
7 CLAR DUBH 14F I Campbell 10-7 R Campbell
8 FLYING AMY 38F W G M Turner 10-7 R Dunwoody
9 GLEAM OF GOLD 25F R Dickin 10-7 D Meredith (3)
10 KENNINGTON PROTON 27F (B) R Juckes 10-7 T Wall
11 MINTEEN 30F J White 10-7 A Maguire
12 SIAN WYN 14F K Burke 10-7 R Supple
13 SOLAR KNIGHT 38F K Bridgwater 10-7 D Bridgwater

3-1 Minteen, 7-2 Doctor-J, 5-1 Duke Of Budworth, 6-1 Kutan, 7-1 others.

2.45 POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE NOVICES CHASE (£2,490: 2m) (10)

1 1/4-3 AT PEACE 10 (BF,F,G) J White 7-11-9 A Maguire
2 0/0- BRYNHILL ALERT 345 C Beever 7-11-9 M Brennan
3 3P-F CRAFTY CHAPLAIN 10 D McCain 7-11-9 Mr D McCain (5)
4 FP0- FASTBIT 89 K Bailey 6-11-9 N Williamson
5 UF0- FURRY LOCH 238 H Kavanagh 7-11-9 J A Harris
6 FP-0 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 10 (G) F Jordan 5-11-7 R Supple
7 F2-4 WEEKDAY CROSS 10 (G) J Jenkins 5-11-7 S Smith Eccles
8 23-4 WILTOSKI 3 (B,F,G) I Campbell 5-11-7 R Campbell
9 30P- DARING CLASS 70 (F) P Rodford 7-11-4 I Shoemark
10 F5P- DARK DEEP DAWN 111 J Upson 6-11-4 Mr T Byrne (7)

5-2 At Peace, 7-2 Fastbit, 9-2 Weekday Cross, 11-2 Wiltoski, 8-1 others.

3.15 ENIGMA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,579: 2m) (4)

1 14-5 IMPERIAL FLIGHT 5 (D,F,G) J King 8-12-0 D Leahy
2 44F- LUSTREMAN 98 (D,F,G) J Peacock 6-11-13 W Marston
3 33/1 BONDAID 9 (D,F,G) J White 9-11-2 K Comerford (5)
4 00P- ROWHEDGE 73 (C,F,G) Miss J Doyle 7-10-11 S Curran (3)

8-11 Bondaid, 9-4 Imperial Flight, 5-1 Lustreman, 10-1 Rowhedge.

3.45 EDWARD ELGAR HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,950: 2m 7f) (7)

1 112- COPPER MINE 66 (C,F,G,S) O Sherwood 7-12-0 J Osborne
2 413- TRI FOLENE 65 (V,F,G,S) M Pipe 7-11-10 R Dunwoody
3 32-1 OK CORRAL 10 (B,F,G,S) J White 6-11-9 A Maguire
4 4353- GALA'S IMAGE 65 (F,G,S) J McConnochie 13-10-12 S McNeill
5 08/P ABBREVIATION 9 (F,G) R Curtis 10-10-10 D Morris
6 P6-F CLARES HORSE 10 (CD,G) J Upson 6-10-0 R Supple
7 0FUP- SIRISAT 93 (F) J Upson 9-10-0 Mr K Hollowell

15-8 Copper Mine, 5-2 OK Corral, 3-1 Tri Folene, 5-1 Gala's Image, 12-1 Clares Horse, 20-1 Abbreviation, 33-1 Sirisat.

4.15 CHANSON NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 00-1 JALORE 10 (F) S Coathup 4-11-2 R Greene (3)
2 04- CLASSICAL BLUE 101 (B) R Frost 7-11-0 J Frost
3 /F3- CLASSIC CONTACT 65 N Mason 7-11-0 J Supple (7)
4 542- CREWS CASTLE 28 J Jenkins 6-11-0 S Smith Eccles
5 P- MY SPARKLING RING 31F C Nash 7-11-0 R Dunwoody
6 P2/1 SILVERCROSS LAD 7 (F) R Juckes 10-11-0 N Juckes (7)
7 4P0- MASH THE TEA 104 H Sawyer 4-10-11 V Smith
8 PREMIER MAJOR 17F P Rodford 4-10-11 I Shoemark

13-8 Jalore, 9-4 Crews Castle, 9-2 Classic Contact, 7-1 Silvercross Lad, 12-1 Classical Blue, 16-1 Premier Major, 20-1 My Sparkling Ring, 33-1 Mash The Tea.

4.45 GERONTIUS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,768: 2m 4f 110yd) (6)

1 31-1 RIVER HOUSE 7 (D,F,G,S) J White 11-12-5 (5ex) A Maguire
2 /P14- CORRARDER 66 (F,G) J Old 9-11-5 Mr J Smyth-Osbourne
3 430- KITTINGER 80 (D,F,B,G,S) P Hobbs 12-11-4 Peter Hobbs
4 3U-2 FLYING ZIAD 7 (D,F,G) R Curtis 10-10-10 D Morris
5 11-U LITTLE TOM 38 (D,F,S) J King 8-10-7 J R Kavanagh
6 30-4 BLUECHIPENTERPRISE 9 (B,F) A Cottrell 7-10-0 M Hourigan (3)

6-4 River House, 3-1 Little Tom, 9-2 Kittinger, 6-1 Flying Ziad, 8-1 Corrarder, 12-1 Bluechipenterprise.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 40 winners from 115 runners, 34.8%; O Sherwood, 20 from 59, 33.9%; P Hobbs, 17 from 88, 19.3%; K Bailey, 8 from 50, 16.0%; J Upson, 5 from 39, 12.8%; R Dickin, 8 from 69, 11.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Osborne, 20 wins from 81 rides, 24.7%; M Hourigan, 4 from 18, 22.2%; A Maguire, 15 from 68, 22.1%; Peter Hobbs, 10 from 58, 17.2%; R Dunwoody, 28 from 187, 15.0%; S Smith Eccles, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

LEICESTER

THUNDERER
6.00 Ballerina. 6.30 Harpo's Special. 7.00 Barratry. 7.30 Pistols At Dawn. 8.00 Glen Miller. 8.30 He's A King.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.00 EBF CAPTAINS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,110: 7f 9yd) (14 runners)

1 BALLERINA M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn 13
2 0 BE EXCITING 48 J Dunlop 8-11 T Quinn 7
3 0 BERMUDA LADY 13 G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery 3
4 02 BRENTWOOD 31 R Hannon 8-11 L Piggott 14
5 3 CELTIC CEILIDH 62 J Wharton 8-11 J Williams 6
6 0 CINDY'S STAR 13 M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 W Woods 5
7 DELIVER B Hills 8-11 D Holland 2
8 00 DISH OF THE DAY 54 M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 C Rutter 8
9 HALL OF PEARLS Mrs N Macauley 8-11 N Adams 4
10 53 HELLO IRELAND 16 R Charlton 8-11 T Sprake 10
11 JEMIMA PUDDLEDUCK D Arbuthnot 8-11 R Price 11
12 LADY SILK J Dunlop 8-11 A McGlone 1
13 SHORTFALL D Loder 8-11 L Dettori 12
14 VALMARANA J Troy 8-11 R Hills 9

11-4 Brentwood, 7-2 Hello Ireland, 5-1 Shortfall, 11-2 Ballerina, 6-1 Deliver, 10-1 Celtic Ceilidh, Lady Silk, 12-1 Be Exciting, 20-1 Valmarana, 33-1 others.

6.30 LANGHAM SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,595: 5f 218yd) (9)

1 0206 NORTHERN STORM 19 S Woods 9-7 W Woods 6
2 4200 FORBIDDEN MONKEY 11 (B) J Berry 9-5 W R Swinburn 5
3 4100 HARPO'S SPECIAL 10 (D,F) Mrs J Ramsden 9-4 M Wigham 1
4 030 FILCH 19 Mrs L Piggott 9-4 G Milligan (7) 7
5 400 SEVEN UP CYD 49 P Cundell 9-4 L Dettori 9
6 0300 CAPITAL LADY 38 B Rothwell 9-2 D Harrison (3) 4
7 380 GREENSON 13 P Cole 9-1 T Quinn 3
8 0620 LUCY'S GOLD 31 M Ryan 8-13 D Biggs 8
9 0055 RISKY AFFAIR 20 (B) G Lewis 8-12 Paul Eddery 2

5-2 Harpo's Special, 11-4 Greenson, 4-1 Risky Affair, 8-1 Filch, 12-1 Northern Storm, Lucy's Gold, 14-1 Forbidden Monkey, Seven Up Cyd, 25-1 Capital Lady.

7.00 BATCHELOR BOWLES LEICESTER HANDICAP (£4,012: 1m 1f 218yd) (11) SKY

1 1134 SOVEREIGN PAGE 19 (D,F,G) B Hanbury 4-9-13 W R Swinburn 11
2 -102 LET'S GET LOST 19 (F) W Haggas 4-9-11 L Piggott 5
3 2021 SCOTTISH BAMBI 10 (CD,F,G) R Hannon 5-9-9 R Perham 7
4 1400 CIRCUS COLOURS 12 (D,G) J Dunlop 3-9-6 L Dettori 8
5 -200 PYRAMIS PRINCE 9 M McCormack 3-9-5 J Reid 9
6 5261 RARF 19 (D,G) A Stewart 3-9-4 W Carson 2
7 3050 ANNABELLE ROYALE 8 (F,G) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-2 N Adams 4
8 4200 RUTLAND WATER 58 (F) (D) R Akehurst 6-9-2 T Quinn 1
9 6044 BARRATRY 19 (B) H Cecil 3-8-11 A McGlone 10
10 6024 WESTFIELD MOVES 12 (CD,F,G) H Collingridge 5-8-9 J Quinn 3
11 1000 ANNACURRAGH 54 (D,G) C Smith 4-7-7 E Johnson 6

9-2 Rarf, 11-2 Sovereign Page, 6-1 Let's Get Lost, Scottish Bambi, Rutland Water, 7-1 Circus Colours, Barratry, 10-1 Westfield Moves, 16-1 others.

7.30 EVANS OF LEICESTER MERCEDES-BENZ LIMITED STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,364: 1m 3f 183yd) (6) SKY

1 0111 PISTOLS AT DAWN 14 (G,S) R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 1
2 5225 ROMALITO 10 M Blanshard 9-0 L Dettori 6
3 4243 TURFMANS VISION 24 R Hollinshead 9-0 W R Swinburn 4
4 2032 ARAADH 16 H Thomson Jones 8-9 R Hills 3
5 1115 INDIAN FLASH 17 (D,F,G,S) R Guest 8-9 L Piggott 5
6 0-40 LA MENORQUINA 48 L Cumani 8-9 J Weaver 2

15-8 Pistols At Dawn, 3-1 Araadh, Indian Flash, 4-1 La Menorquina, 12-1 Romalito, 20-1 Turfmans Vision

8.00 REARSBY CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,385: 7f 9yd) (7) SKY

1 8051 BOLD SEVEN 21 (F,G) F Lee 9-2 N Kennedy (3) 3
2 0446 ASCOM PAGER TOO 18 P Howling 8-13 J Quinn 1
3 5010 GLEN MILLER 11 (D,F) J Payne 8-12 L Dettori 6
4 5 RUPERT COURT 17 T Barron 8-6 T Quinn 5
5 000- THE WEND 329 W Turner 8-4 T Sprake 7
6 0536 EASTERN GLOW 9 (B) S Woods 8-1 W Woods 4
7 0106 KARUKERA 19 (S) B Mulrion 8-1 Kim McDonnell (7) 2

2-1 Karukera, 9-4 Bold Seven, 3-1 Glen Miller, 5-1 Eastern Glow, 16-1 Rupert Court, 20-1 The Wend, 33-1 Ascom Pager Too.

8.30 INSTITUTE OF INSURANCE BROKERS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,915: 1m 8yd) (6)

1 6301 HE'S A KING 12 (CD,G) J Dunlop 9-7 L Dettori 6
2 1152 PERSIANSKY 17 (D,BF,F,G) B Hanbury 9-1 W R Swinburn 1
3 -064 URRY URRY URRY 11 (G) R Williams 9-0 W Carson 5
4 4213 CROIRE 19 (S) G Wragg 9-0 M Hills 2
5 4234 NOBLE RISK 34 R Hannon 8-9 J Reid 4
6 550 THE SNOUT 58 W Musson 8-1 D McCabe (5) 3

2-1 He's A King, 5-2 Croire, 7-2 Persiansky, 5-1 Noble Risk, 7-1 Urry Urry Urry, 12-1 The Snout.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: H Thomson Jones, 6 winners from 18 runners, 33.3%; H Cecil, 22 from 91, 24.2%; M Stoute, 20 from 86, 23.3%; G Wragg, 11 from 54, 20.4%; R Charlton, 4 from 23, 17.4%; G Lewis, 7 from 42, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 7 winners from 33 rides, 21.2%; W R Swinburn, 23 from 129, 17.8%; W Carson, 28 from 160, 17.5%; L Dettori, 24 from 144, 16.7%; J Weaver, 3 from 20, 15.0%; Paul Eddery, 18 from 124, 14.5%.

Blinkered first time

WINDSOR: 4.30 The Power Of One. 5.00 Spring Sunrise. LEICESTER: 7.00 Barratry. 8.00 Eastern Glow. THIRSK: 8.40 Primula Bairn.

☐ Jason Weaver was suspended for four days (August 16-19 inclusive) for careless riding on Straw Thatch in the Gaetan Billard Champagne Handicap at Ayr on Saturday.

THIRSK

THUNDERER
6.10 Paonic. 6.40 Albeit. 7.10 Tomos. 7.40 Tashla. 8.10 Champagne 'N Roses. 8.40 Primula Bairn.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 6.10 Paonic. 7.40 TASHLA (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.40 TASHLA.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.10 EBF BOWNCROFT MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,048: 5f) (9 runners)

1 0 K-REG 9 T Barron 9-0 K Darley 5
2 2502 MONKEY'S WEDDING 13 (B) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll 9
3 2 PAONIC 23 L Cumani 9-0 R Cochrane 1
4 32 RAFFERTY'S RULES 17 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 K Fallon 3
5 326 THE HAPPY LOON 44 Denys Smith 9-0 M Birch 6
6 65 FUSSY SIOUX 86 M W Easterby 8-9 T Lucas 7
7 2204 INDIAHRA 9 R Hollinshead 8-9 S Perks 8
8 54 LIGHTNING BELLE 42 (BF) M McCormack 8-9 G Duffield 2
9 REGINA ALICIA M Johnston 8-9 Dean McKeown 4

2-5 Paonic, 8-1 Regina Alicia, 10-1 Rafferty's Rules, 12-1 Indiahra, 14-1 Monkey's Wedding, 16-1 Lightning Belle, 20-1 The Happy Loon, K-Reg, 25-1 Fussy Sioux.

6.40 WEST YORKSHIRE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,763: 1m) (18) SKY

1 2654 SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 11 (B,D,F,G) F Lee 6-9-13 R Lappin 17
2 -330 VANART 8 W Haigh 4-9-9 S Webster 11
3 6013 YONGE TENDER 12 (B,C,D,F,G) C Williams 6-9-3 B Raymond 14
4 2250 MANX MONARCH 9 K Hogg 3-9-1 A Garth (5) 3
5 0005 DEPUTY TIM 18 (D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 10-9-0 H Bastiman (7) 16
6 0400 ROBIX 86 D Chapman 3-9-0 S Wood 1
7 0003 SKOLERN 10 (V,F,G) A Harrison 9-8-11 J Fanning 9
8 0304 COOL ENOUGH 18 (CD,F) Mrs Ramsden 12-8-10 K Fallon 13
9 0601 FAILAND 9 (D,F) R Brotherton 6-8-10 A Mackay 6
10 00/ TOLL BOOTH 601 W Storey 4-8-9 Alex Greaves 2
11 0064 MAKE MINE A DOUBLE 25 (F) Miss S Hall 3-8-8 N Connorton 4
12 5855 BROOKLANDS EXPRESS 25 J Bethell 3-8-7 J Carroll 5
13 5203 BOLD LINE 10 (B) P Haslam 3-8-7 R Cochrane 10
14 8504 SLUMBER THYME 3 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-6 W Ryan 12
15 00-4 SYKE LANE 19 R Whitaker 4-8-6 A Culhane 7
16 5426 DANCES WITH GOLD 11 (B) Johnston 3-8-6 Dean McKeown 8
17 00-0 GOLDEN ANCONA 74 (B,S) M Brittain 10-8-2 S Maloney (3) 18
18 0342 ALBEIT 10 C Thornton 3-8-1 K Darley 15

13-2 Failand, 7-1 Albeit, 8-1 Yonge Tender, Bold Line, 10-1 Sir Arthur Hobbs, Manx Monarch, Cool Enough, Slumber Thyme, Dances With Gold, 12-1 others.

7.10 YORKSHIRE PUDDING CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,552: 1m 4f) (5) SKY

1 021 VISHNU 34 (D,F) H Cecil 9-6 W Ryan 2
2 1- AZILIAN 275 (G) J Gosden 9-4 Pat Eddery 4
3 0-15 TEEN JAY 24 (S) G Wragg 9-4 R Cochrane 1
4 1-33 TOMOS 16 (S) D Morley 9-4 B Raymond 5
5 MAKENA N Tinkler 8-9 M Wood 3

7-4 Azilian, 2-1 Tomos, 11-4 Vishnu, 5-1 Teen Jay, 100-1 Makena.

7.40 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION SERIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,183: 7f) (12) SKY

1 0 SANDMOOR CHAMBRAY 66 M H Easterby 8-10 M Birch 10
2 555 UN PARFUM DE FEMME 14 J Pearce 8-9 G Bardwell 2
3 60 BARACCA 35 N Graham 8-8 W Ryan 6
4 0 SIMPLY A SEQUEL 9 M Prescott 8-8 G Duffield 12
5 3 SYABAS 14 S Dow 8-8 Dean McKeown 5
6 3 MAURANGI 16 B Murray 8-7 J Fortune 7
7 0 PLUM DENNIS 10 N Bycroft 8-7 L Charnock 9
8 MANOLETE W Elsey 8-6 J Carroll 11
9 0 MILAIRIOUS 14 J Fanshawe 8-6 R Cochrane 4
10 0554 PARISH WALK 40 K Hogg 8-6 O Pears (3) 8
11 YES TO THE BEST Mrs A Swinbank 8-6 J Fanning 1
12 2 TASHLA 19 D Loder 8-5 K Darley 3

4-6 Tashla, 5-2 Syabas, 8-1 Baracca, 12-1 Milairious, 14-1 Maurangi, 20-1 others.

8.10 PICKHILL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,465: 1m) (12) SKY

1 -013 WAIF 51 (D,BF,G) L Cumani 9-7 R Cochrane 3
2 6541 OK BERTIE 9 (B) R Fahey 9-1 M Birch 4
3 5100 BALIANA 18 (F) C Booth 9-0 K Fallon 8
4 11-0 BOLDVILLE BASH 9 (D,G,S) T Barron 8-9 K Darley 1
5 0235 BIRCHWOOD SUN 6 (B,F,G,S) M Dods 8-8 S Webster 7
6 0061 STYLISH ROSE 59 (D,S) P Cheesbrough 8-8 J Lowe 6
7 3012 RED COTTON 16 (D,BF,G) M Stoute 8-5 P D'Arcy 5
8 -015 CICERONE 12 (C,G) P Calver 8-5 J Fortune 10
9 400 CHAMPAGNE 'N ROSES 18 Mrs J Cecil 8-4 J Carroll 12
10 5113 SCOFFERA 8 (D,F,G) N Tinkler 8-4 Kim Tinkler 11
11 2000 NORTHERN CHIEF 27 (D,F) M H Easterby 7-13 S Maloney (3) 2
12 6065 MAJOR JACK 38 R Allan 7-7 J Fanning 9

4-1 Waif, 6-1 Red Cotton, Scoffera, 13-2 OK Bertie, 7-1 Stylish Rose, 8-1 Champagne 'N Roses, 10-1 Birchwood Sun, 12-1 Baliana, 14-1 others.

8.40 ASENBY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,406: 5f) (14)

1 3521 TUSCAN DAWN 14 (D,G,S) J Berry 9-7 J Carroll 1
2 0400 BENZOE 42 (S) M W Easterby 9-6 T Lucas 5
3 1450 MY BONUS 11 (D,F,G) D Cosgrove 9-6 N Connorton 4
4 2-50 HICKORY BLUE 2 S Norton 9-4 O Pears (3) 11
5 6556 JADE CITY 10 (D,F) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-4 M Birch 8
6 4431 NEWBURY COAT 17 (B,D,F) M McCormack 9-3 G Duffield 14
7 1056 WILLSHE GAN 18 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 9-3 Dean McKeown 12
8 1123 SHADOW JURY 40 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-3 K Darley 6
9 0314 RED FAN 46 (B,G) M Dods 8-13 J Lowe 9
10 1615 CHARITY EXPRESS 9 (D,F,G,S) D Cosgrove 8-11 D Biggs 13
11 0404 PRIMULA BAIRN 19 (V,D,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 8-8 K Fallon 10
12 3231 GUSSIE FINK-NOTTLE 12 (B,D,F) T Barron 8-5 W Ryan 3
13 0108 THE FED 12 (V,D,F) R Whitaker 8-4 A Culhane 7
14 4360 GO FLIGHTLINE 12 (V,D,S) D Wilson 8-0 G Bardwell 2

6-1 Primula Bairn, 13-2 Shadow Jury, 7-1 Tuscan Dawn, 8-1 Newbury Coat, Red Fan, Gussie Fink-Nottle, 10-1 My Bonus, Charity Express, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; G Wragg, 6 from 15, 40.0%; M McCormack, 4 from 10, 40.0%; H Cecil, 11 from 31, 35.5%; M Prescott, 6 from 30, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: R Lappin, 4 wins from 16 rides, 25.0%; G Duffield, 24 from 120, 20.0%; O Pears, 4 from 20, 20.0%; B Raymond, 6 from 32, 18.8%; W Ryan, 9 from 58, 15.5%; M Birch, 27 from 177, 15.3%.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SEVEN MEETINGS

Haydock Park

Going: good to soft

2.00 (1m 6f) 1, Cumbrian Rhapsody (S Maloney, 12-1); 2, Harlestone Brook (11-2); 3, Chief Minister (13-2). Cromarty 3-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Haddaaj. 2l, sh hd. M H Easterby. Tote: £25.30; £4.40, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £49.10. Trio: £161.70. CSF: £75.45. Tricast: £437.32.

2.30 (5f) 1, Gorinsky (J Carroll, 5-1 fav); 2, Stepanov (9-1); 3, Mactarlane (8-1). 14 ran. 3l, sh hd. J Berry. Tote: £6.10; £2.30, £4.10, £2.70. DF: £34.90. Trio: £67.50. CSF: £51.97. Tricast: £343.74.

3.00 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, Knifebox (M Roberts, 11-10 fav); 2, Colway Rock (5-2); 3, Hall A Tick (9-4). 3 ran. 5l, 2½l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.55.

3.30 (7f 30yd) 1, No Reservations (J Reid, 9-1); 2, Kummel King (16-1); 3, Bold Angel (4-1). Cee-Jay-Ay 7-2 fav. 9 ran. Hd, 3½l. R Johnson Houghton. Tote: £10.60; £2.90, £4.90, £1.60. DF: £127.30. CSF: £117.05. Tricast: £603.25.

4.00 (6f) 1, Mehthaaf (W Carson, 2-1); 2, Asdaf (9-1); 3, Redress (11-8 fav). 7 ran. 10l, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £3.50. DF: £11.30. CSF: £18.42.

4.30 (1m 2f 120yd) 1, Surrey Dancer (J Reid, 4-1); 2, Light Hand (7-4 fav); 3, Chandigarh (12-1). 7 ran. 2½l, 5l. B Hanbury. Tote: £6.90; £3.30, £1.80. DF: £6.10. CSF: £10.66.

5.00 (1m 30yd) 1, Teshami (M Roberts, 10-11 fav, Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Coneybury (15-2); 3, Bold Amusement (14-1). 10 ran. ¾l, hd. J Gosden. Tote: £2.20; £1.20, £2.50, £3.00. DF: £9.20. Trio: £71.70. CSF: £10.63. Tricast: £72.62.

Placepot: £533.50.

Newmarket

2.10 1, Kithanga (4-1); 2, Kerkura (9-2); 3, Quillon (100-30 fav). 14 ran. NR: Intention.

2.40 1, Rue Rembrandt (7-4 fav); 2, King Paris (8-1); 3, Sizzling Saga (2-1). 8 ran.

3.15 1, Shining Jewel (11-2); 2, Lombard Ships (9-1); 3, Bill Moon (4-1 jt-fav). Dodgy 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran.

3.45 1, Fairy Heights (7-2); 2, Taghareed (5-2 fav); 3, Song Of Years (20-1). 10 ran.

4.20 1, En Attendant (11-1); 2, Indian Slave (12-1); 3, Beware of Agents (16-1); 4, Princess Kris (14-1). Kassbaan 4-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Venture Capitalist.

4.50 1, Storm Canyon (11-8 fav); 2, Ballet Shoes (11-4); 3, Aquiletta (8-1). 8 ran.

5.20 1, Arkaan (6-1); 2, Eden's Close (7-1); 3, Dreams End (11-1). Jura Forest 5-2 fav. 10 ran.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £2,595.01 carried forward to Sandown Park on Wednesday).

Ayr

2.35 1, Hobart (9-2); 2, Tom Morgan (4-6 fav); 3, All In The Mind (66-1). 10 ran. NR: Brad Hills.

3.05 1, Shotley Again (100-30 fav); 2, Viking Waters (8-1); 3, Admission (5-1). 9 ran.

3.35 1, Lambent (7-1); 2, Nijo (1-3 fav); 3, Persian Elite (7-2). 4 ran.

4.05 1, Sharaar (5-1); 2, Principal Player (20-1); 3, Doctor Roy (6-1). Cornflake 2-1 fav. 8 ran.

4.35 1, Bay Tern (6-1); 2, Milngavie (3-1); 3, James Is Special (7-4 fav). 7 ran.

5.05 1, Diet (5-1); 2, Egg (4-1); 3, Arabat (7-1). Dokkha Oyston Evens fav. 5 ran.

Redcar

2.15 1, Obsidian Grey (12-1); 2, Fortis Pavior (6-1); 3, Susanna's Secret (9-1). Across The Bay 5-2 fav. 11 ran.

2.45 1, May Hills Legacy (5-2); 2, Dutosky (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Green's Cassatt (7-1). Essex Girl 2-1 jt-fav. 4 ran.

3.20 1, Crossillion (10-1); 2, Sooty Tern (9-2); 3, Princess Maxine (9-2). Bonus Point, Pride Of Pendle 4-1 jt-favs. 7 ran.

3.50 1, Ann's Pearl (8-11 fav); 2, Spring Star (40-1); 3, Caponata (11-2). 10 ran.

4.15 1, Kinnegad Kid (12-1); 2, Honey Seeker (4-1 fav); 3, Slades Hill (5-1). 9 ran.

4.45 1, Serotina (11-8 fav); 2, Edirepus (6-1); 3, Gypsy Crystal (6-1). 8 ran.

5.15 1, Miss Rinjani (11-8 fav); 2, Bonny Bride (11-2); 3, Mumtaz Flypast (11-4). 7 ran.

Lingfield Park

5.50 1, Brierley (7-1); 2, Raymapata (3-1); 3, Music Of Dance (12-1). Yawara 6-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Billie Grey.

6.20 1, Early To Rise (13-8 fav); 2, Boxboy (4-1); 3, Westray (5-2). 6 ran.

6.50 1, Jade Pet (Evens fav); 2, Roxanian (11-10); 3, Keme-Jo (20-1). 6 ran.

7.20 1, My Ruby Ring (7-2 fav); 2, Royal Deed (50-1); 3, Lorins Gold (25-1); 4, Double Bounce (25-1). 16 ran.

7.50 1, Ragtime Song (7-2); 2, Sir Thomas Beecham (13-8 fav); 3, Mister Lawson (9-1). 6 ran. NR: Flaming Miracle.

8.20 1, Laurel Queen (4-7 fav); 2, Charmed Knave (9-2); 3, Great Hall (7-1). 6 ran.

Southwell

6.00 1, Sakharov (11-8 fav); 2, Covent Garden Girl (11-2); 3, Strip Cartoon (4-1). 7 ran.

6.30 1, Northern Bailiwick (9-1); 2, Thatched Roof (40-1); 3, Shuttlecock (11-2). Super Symphonic 10-11 fav. 12 ran.

7.00 1, Tyrian Purple (11-2); 2, Penny Banger (4-1); 3, Glenfield Greta (11-2). Music Dancer 7-2 fav. 10 ran.

7.30 1, Ocara (6-5 fav); 2, Sakura Queen (10-1); 3, Island Knight (11-8). 5 ran. NR: Mister Blake.

8.00 1, Mohican Brave (11-4); 2, Pacific Power (14-1); 3, Rocky Bay (16-1). Awestruck 11-8 fav. 10 ran.

8.30 1, Dashing Fellow (14-1); 2, Premier Dance (12-1); 3, Abalene (5-1). Criminal Record, Hasta La Vista 4-1 jt-favs. 13 ran. NR: Point The Way.

Worcester

5.40 1, Moymet (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Zamanayn (10-1); 3, Distant Memory (4-1 jt-fav). 10 ran.

6.10 1, Drumstick (4-6 fav); 2, Tinas Lad (5-2); 3, Will's Bounty (7-1). 4 ran. NR: Slippery Max.

6.40 1, Beat The Bagman (14-1); 2, Buglet (4-6 fav); 3, Free Dancer (66-1). 10 ran.

7.10 1, Strong Medicine (4-5 fav); 2, Gilston Lass (7-2); 3, Helmar (8-1). 7 ran.

7.40 1, Man From Mars (16-1); 2, Castle Diamond (5-1); 3, Court Circular (13-2). Corinthian God 4-1 fav. 10 ran.

8.10 1, Billy Boru (5-2 fav); 2, Class Attraction (4-1); 3, Classical Star (10-1). 16 ran. NR: Waaza.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	114	81	56	16	-47.06
K Darley	106	100	64	2	-40.38
L Dettori	88	72	73	2	-14.05
G Duffield	83	64	64	14	-16.77
T Quinn	78	77	71	5	-91.48
J Reid	74	71	38	1	-48.75
M Roberts	70	63	73	0	-59.20
W Carson	69	69	73	2	-121.62
J Carroll	66	55	51	0	-66.21
Dean McKeown	65	62	52	16	-103.06

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
R Hannon	109	107	83	1	-36.93
J Berry	97	84	77	1	-58.12
H Cecil	70	38	37	8	+45.27
Mrs M Reveley	60	46	42	2	-38.20
J Dunlop	55	50	43	1	-11.85
M Johnston	52	64	46	6	-80.69
J Gosden	51	35	22	1	+13.32
P Cole	42	41	54	2	-112.27
I Balding	39	25	25	2	-8.10
D Loder	36	25	19	1	+2.56

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Bono back on the road: U2 launch their British tour at a packed Celtic Park in Glasgow

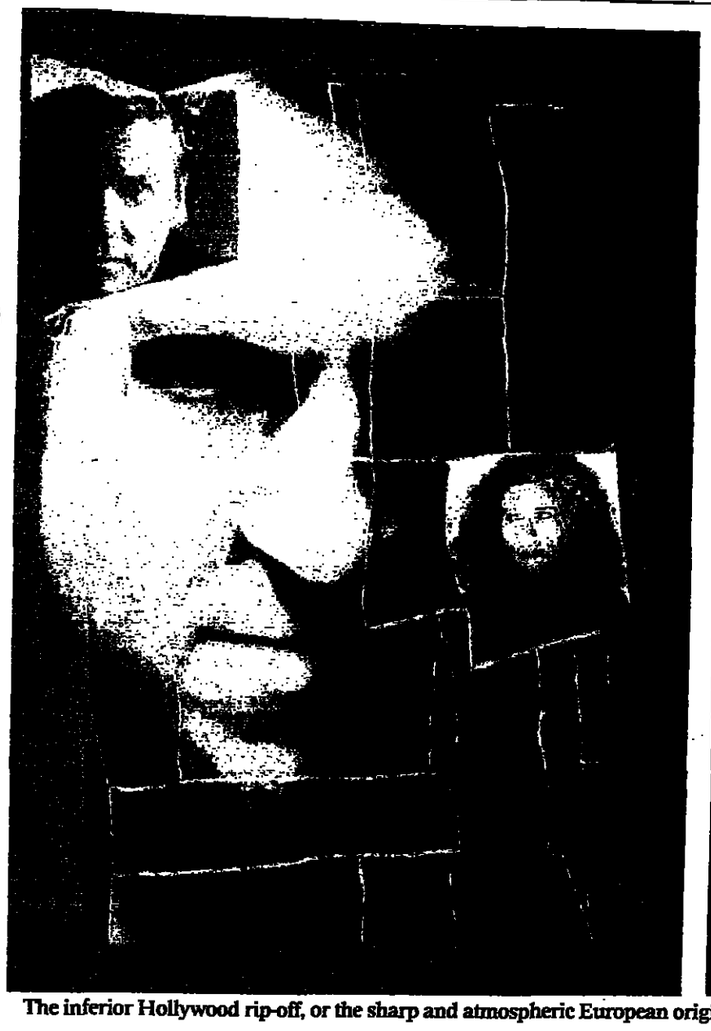
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Was Vaughan Williams a symphonic genius? Simon Heffer puts the case for English music



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** asks why American producers persist in remaking perfectly good European films





The inferior Hollywood rip-off, or the sharp and atmospheric European original: *The Vanishing*, remade into something "flabby and silly" by the Americans (left), and in George Sluizer's "lithe and lethal" Dutch first version (right)

Second-hand Hollywood

There has been plenty of talk about the Japanese advancing on Hollywood's studios, but what of the European invasion? We are half-way through the year, and already three major releases have drawn their lifeblood from European films. *Sommersby* transplanted Daniel Vigne's *The Return of Martin Guerre* from 16th-century France to the American Civil War. Luc Besson's *Nikita* became *The Assassin*. And George Sluizer's lithe and lethal Dutch thriller *The Vanishing* kept the same title when it crossed the Atlantic, but turned flabby and silly. You can double-check this on Friday, when the Dutch original is brazenly re-released.

Yet this year is scarcely exceptional. For over a decade, European films have been trussed up in Hollywood gloss and shifted to Beverly Hills, Manhattan, Baltimore, even Rio de Janeiro. The hunt for translatable material is now so intense that some remake deals are struck before the original film is even finished.

What is happening here? Creative paralysis by America's film-makers? Studio cost-cutting? The lure of the occasional, wildly successful remake such as *Three Men and a Baby*, which reputedly grossed $250 million worldwide? There is no simple answer. But given the amount of foreign poaching and its variable artistic results, we should probe the matter carefully.

There are, of course, historical precedents. Hollywood has never considered itself a world apart: from the 1920s on, studios sent raiding parties to bag the best European stars and directors. Hitler's rise increased the transatlantic traffic. Crack open a gilded comedy of the 1930s, and you are likely to find an emigré writer reworking a German or Hungarian script. *Bachelor Mother*, with the all-American Ginger Rogers, was once the Austro-Hungarian *Kleine Mutti*, with Franziska Gaal. At Paramount, director Ernst Lubitsch created a mini-European kingdom all his own of jewel thiefs, crowned princes and sozzled boulevardiers.

The second world war stopped this continental drift. Hollywood learnt to bang its own drum and wave the flag. During the 1950s, studios were too busy fighting television and the fear of being thought un-American to embark on foreign remake sprees. East, west, home was best, at least until *The Magnificent Seven* in 1960. This transposition of Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai* from the Japanese 16th century to the American West proved a huge commercial success, and helped point the way to the spaghetti westerns. But it hardly blazed a trail for remakes.

Another Kurosawa film, *Rashomon*, became *The Outrage*, a pretentious failure; and Clouzot's nerve-wracking thriller *The Wages of Fear* generated few shivers as *Sorcerer*. If you really wanted to see film classics revamped, you went to the theatre, to see *Sweet Charity* (after Fellini) or *A Little Night Music* (after Bergman).

Then, in the 1980s, the foreign policy changed. European comedy became the new remake target. French writers especially showed a knack for character-driven, sophisticated farce which Hollywood itself had conspicuously lost. A few transplants were decent successes, like Gene Wilder's *The Woman in Red* (from Yves Robert's *Pardon Mon Affaire*) or Blake Edwards's *Victor/Victoria*, based on a 1930s German hit. Rather more were brute flops.

But producers and packagers persevered, especially after they saw the grosses of *Three Men and a Baby*, drawn from Coline Serreau's *3 Hommes et un couffin*. Five years on, they are still prospecting, buying up rights, hoping to find the next *Baby*.

Economics undoubtedly play a part. Hear the words of Marcie Bloom, from Sony Pictures Classics, quoted this April in *Variety*: "Even if the studios pay substantial sums for a remake, it is less than it would cost them to develop a project from scratch." Though you still need the script translated and adapted, bills for writing and research can be significantly reduced.

A foreign remake also costs less executive brain power. Studio bosses do not have to read a script, or fathom a writer's intentions at a meeting. They can see the concept up on the screen, already dressed in images. *3 Hommes et un couffin*? Three swinging bachelors discover fatherhood's joys with a gurgling baby. *Nikita*? Female drug addict becomes rehabilitated as a government assassin. *The Vanishing*? Psychopath plays Hitchcockian games with the fiancé of the girl he kidnapped. Irresistible.

What nobody seems to spot is the damage inflicted when the original setting gets lost. *The Vanishing* is a particular casualty. In George Sluizer's original, the kidnapped girl is a Dutch tourist visiting France, and the differences in language and culture significantly increase the hero's confusion as he tries to trace her. This dimension inevitably disappears when the abductor, the victim and her anguished lover all hail from Washington State. Comedy, too, can easily suffer when social nuances are trodden upon: the aggressively vulgar *Three Men and a Baby* found its success at the expense of the original's slim but genuine Gallic charm.

Other, more delicate creative problems then crop up. Should the services of the original director be acquired, along with the script and the remake rights? Coline Serreau was hired for *Three Men and a Baby*, only to bow out — "health reasons" were cited — and make way for Leonard Nimoy. Luc Besson was inked in for the *Nikita* remake, but *The Assassin* went into production with John Badham.

Those original directors who do survive often acquit themselves poorly. Maybe they fall over the language barrier, or crack under the strain of coping with Hollywood egos. Or perhaps they simply have nothing left to give to a story they have already told. Francis Veber, a specialist in "odd couple" comedies, stumbled over *Three Fugitives*, which he adapted himself from *Les Fugitifs*. George Sluizer found the original strengths of *The Vanishing* vanishing under his eyes.

Yet despite its failings, Sluizer's Hollywood remake at least served a purpose in lifting him out of the Dutch enclave, or the Euro-hell of a film such as *Utz*. Next month, Sluizer begins filming a psychological thriller, *Dark Blood*, in America; if good fortune shines, he might still make the breakthrough and join his fellow Dutchman Paul Verhoeven on Hollywood's front line. Even if the director stays put in Europe, an American remake can increase the ability to raise finance back home.

At the moment, Hollywood's infatuation with European films shows no sign of fading. Coming our way are American editions of *Cinema Paradiso*, *Tatie Danielle* and *Mon Père, ce héros*. There are long-standing plans to remake Pedro Almodóvar's *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown* and *Tie Me Up! Tie Me Down!*. Steven Spielberg has his hands on Jacques Fansten's *La Fracture du myocarde*, the heart-tugging tale of a fatherless child who tries to hide his mother's corpse from the authorities. We must brace ourselves.

● *The original Dutch version of The Vanishing (12) is re-released on Friday at the Metro Cinema, London*

THEATRE: Suzannah Centlivre revived

Restoration rebel plays a wild card

The Basset Table
New End, NW3

Steer well clear of Basset. That is the moral of this little known, rather good Restoration comedy by Suzannah Centlivre. Basset after all is a hotbed of social vices, a temptation to good citizens. It only takes one evening, then you have acquired a reputation for being sexually risqué, you start going into the red with reckless abandon and, to cap it all, staying up way past bedtime.

I am, of course, talking about the card game. Lord Worthy is having his authority usurped in his own house by Basset addicts, compulsive gamblers led by his disobedient coquettish niece, Lady Reveller, who insists on playing into the small hours and keeping everyone awake.

The Basset Table is ultimately conservative, ending as it does with multiple marriages and with everybody going off the game. En route, though, Centlivre has put a case for women who resist conforming to the patriarchal demand that they settle down with a husband. Though Lady Reveller is criticised, there is a joie de vivre and admirable fight in her anti-monogamous rebellion. Incidentally, this is lost somewhat as actress Carol Hoit plays sophistication at the expense of a sense of fun.

Meanwhile, Lord Worthy's daughter Valeria is at the other end of the sexual scale but is another ridiculous yet celebrated female misfit. She is an erudite woman: a philosopher and mad scientist who enthuses about dissecting eels when men are struggling to talk love to her.

There is a bit of the author in both these women. Centlivre had relationships with a string of men and was the Female Wit who, apparently, dressed as a man and went to Cambridge.

The Company of Clerks has a strong track record including a staging of *The Master and Margarita*. Director Guy Retallack's current production has a fairly impressive white stucco set, specially designed period costumes and a pleasing musical prologue and coda. That imposed framework, wisely, suggests a solid structure which Centlivre's slightly haywire plot lacks.

The footmen sing in serene group harmony at the opening, beautifully establishing the stillness of an early morning setting. The finale is rounded off with a festive song and dance. Nonetheless, Retallack is too often insensitive to the text. He misses jokes and, oddly, allows actors to deliver lines against the mood obviously implied by the dialogue.

Restoration comedy requires crisper, more detailed direction and clearer-cut caricatures than it gets here. The play could be far funnier. Still, the energy picks up towards the interval and the second half has its dark side with scenes of violent anger over lost bets and a near rape scene which is, however, too easily smoothed over in the aftermath. All in all, an above par fringe production but certainly not perfect.

KATE BASSETT

MARILYN KINGWILL



Carol Hoit and Lizzie McFee of The Company of Clerks

PROMS: A contrast in styles and quality

Scots in disarray

The **BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra** is threatened by amalgamation with the Scottish Opera Orchestra. So it would be gratifying to write that this Albert Hall Prom demonstrated what an asset the orchestra is to Scotland and the BBC. But in reality it was uninspired and often shoddy, as though the battle for survival were already lost.

Under the reliable but often stolid direction of Martyn Brabbins, the BBCSSO's best playing was reserved for the two British works in the programme. First came the Pas de Six from Britten's ballet *The Prince of the Pagodas*: grateful music, tuneful, brilliantly inventive.

Later, we heard from another composer who shows the same signs of an unstoppable, instinctive creativity. Judith Weir has her own, teasingly oblique style but her music sounds as though that is the last thing she worries about. *Music, Untangled*, a six-minute miniature composed for the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1991, is based upon a lovely melody sung by women cloth-workers on the Hebridean island of Barra. Overlapping, disjointed swathes of colour, colliding passages of different, well-defined rhythmic types, and the unforgettably luminescent combination of high strings and high trumpet dress a score of natural eloquence which is unashamed of its own straightforwardness.

Weir's piece was followed by Prokofiev's Seventh Symphony, received with favour in that Stalin-haunted year of 1952, and on the surface a direct, tuneful work. But the cynical addition of the finale's loud, fast coda, roughly stitched on, and a certain enigmatic ambiguity suggests that deeper currents flow. This was not the performance to reveal them. Brabbins could surely have invested the work with more colour, dynamic variation and impetus.

Earlier, Sophie Rolland's performance of Dvorák's Cello Concerto showed the worst of the orchestra. Co-ordination was poor, and Rolland gave the work little sense of direction.

They might have taken note of the brilliant teamwork of I **Virtuosi di Roma** under Angelo Stefanato, who began their late-night Prom with a scintillating account of Vivaldi's Piccolo Concerto with Maria Teresa Palermo an effervescent soloist. Lush, unbaroque strings might be unfashionable, and Grützmacher's romanticising of Boccherini in his reconstituted B minor Cello Concerto, played richly here by Rocco Filippini, certainly is — but this concert, which included three more Vivaldi concertos, ended the evening pleasantly.

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PROMS. Tonight there is Mussorgsky — the *Songs and Dances of Death*, orchestrated by Shostakovich and sung by the acclaimed young baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky — from another youth orchestra, this time the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra, east European counterpart to the ECYO, conducted by Claudio Abbado. After the interval, the main work on the programme is Bruckner's Symphony No 5.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212).

ROMEO AND JULIET Londoners have had their choice of three *Romeo and Juliets* this summer. Been and gone is the Kirov's original Lavrovsky version as is Birmingham Royal Ballet's redesigned MacMillan production — the most passionate of them all. Today English National Ballet devotes the third week of its Festival Hall season to Ashton's cooler, more lyrical version. The South Bank run features guest appearances by Trinidad Sevillano and Patrick Armand (Boston Ballet) and Wes Chapman from American Ballet Theatre.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

STEVE ROUD: Accomplished Blues guitarist and songwriter performs two concerts with his backing band, following his debut album.
The Roadhouse, Jubilee Hall, Covent Garden WC2 (071-240 6001). Tonight, 9pm. **The Half Moon**, Putney SW15 (081-780 9383). Tomorrow, 8.30pm.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS: The avant-garde ceramist Janice Tchalenko has combined forces with two artists from the *Spitting Image* workshop, Roger Law and Pablo Bach, to create seven grotesque vessels offering a contemporary visualisation of the *Seven Deadly Sins*.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938 8500). Today, midday-5.50pm, Tues-Sun, 10am-5.50pm, until Sept 19.

BALLROOM BLITZ: As part of the annual fortnight of free dance at the South Bank, the British Association of Choreographers sponsors an early performance by young choreographers and a later show featuring the work of professional dancers who are experimenting with new dance-making ideas.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Today, 4.45pm and 6.15pm

REGIONAL

EDINBURGH JAZZ FESTIVAL: This week-long festival includes appearances from American guitarist Howard Alden, impressive rhythm guitarist and singer Marty Grosz and the voice of the British Rail ads, Leon Redbone.
Jazz Festival Box Office Adam House, Chambers Street, Edinburgh (031-650 8200, today to next Sat.

STRATFORD UPON AVON: Alec McCowen returns to Stratford after 30 years to play Prospero in Sam Mendes's production of *The Tempest*, Shakespeare's last, most mysterious play. Simon Russell Beale plays the part of Ariel
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, (0789 295623). Previews today, tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Wed, 7pm. Then in repertoire with *King Lear* and *Merchant of Venice*.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
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☐ **THE BASSET TABLE:** Gambling, love and strange scientific experiments are the ingredients in this comedy by the 18th Century wit, Mrs Centlivre. Revived by Company of Clerks. See review, page 23.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tue to Sat 8pm, mats Sun, 2pm, 5pm Till August 29.

☐ **BEAUTIFUL THING** Cast-love on a South London estate: new play by award-winning Jonathan Harvey.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Mon to Sat 8pm. At least till August 28

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm 150mins.

☐ **THE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND CAPITAL PUNISHMENT OF ANIMALS** A barely believable custom, *still practised* today by backward people. Recci Harnett repeats his heartbreaking performance as a dog tortured for suspected sodomy.
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm.

☐ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another nation-wide tour with their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2.30pm.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s. Stompy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9845). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE.** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of troubled Americans.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins ◪

☐ **MACBETH:** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Oliver), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Wed, 7.15pm, mat Tue, 2pm. 140 mins. ◪

■ **THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III.** Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm

☐ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

■ **THE ODYSSEY:** Ron Cook plays the traveller in Derek Walcott's mighty version of the old epic. Thrilling sound and spectacle
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. 180mins. ◪

■ **OLEANNA.** David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college: passionate argument, riveting drama.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 130mins.

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration"
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of *Rattigan*.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1116) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 160mins. ◪

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success. This is less cynical than the Wilder film but nevertheless a thrilling occasion. Directed by Trevor Nunn.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

☐ **THE WINTER'S TALE:** John Nettles, Samantha Bond and Richard McCabe in a sublimely moving production of Shakespeare's redemptive drama.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 180mins ◪

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ◪ **Miss Saigon.** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ☐ **On The Piste:** Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . . ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

THE LAST BOLSHEVIK. Chris Marker's fascinating portrait of the life and times of Alexander Medvedkin, oddball Russian film director.
ICA ◪ (071-930 3647).

NUIT ET JOUR (15). Tangled young love in Paris. Inquisitive, stylised film by Chantal Akerman, a little reminiscent of Eric Rohmer
Renoir (071-837 8402).

PUERTO ESCONDIDO (15). Milanese bank clerk, dogged by a killer policeman, hides away in Mexico. Gabriella Salvatores's flimsy follow-up to *Mediterraneo*, with Diego Abatantuono, Valeria Golino
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

THE SNAPPER (15): Roddy Doyle's raucous tale of an unexpected pregnancy. Strong performances (Tina Kellegher, Colm Meaney), though Stephen Frears's film suits television best.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** ◪ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES III (PG): The turtles land in 17th-century Japan, only to find mundane adventure. Writer-director, Stuart Gillard.
MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683).

TOM AND JERRY — THE MOVIE (U) Limp feature debut of MGM's battling duo: they talk, they sing and, heaven forbid, become bosom buddies. Director, Phil Roman.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683)

CURRENT

◆ **BAMBI** (U): Disney's classic about a young deer's forest life: still magical and moving after 51 years. Director, David Hand.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Mezzanine** (0426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303).

◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15): Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies. Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action. Renny Harlin directed.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914088).

EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757).

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** ◪ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ◪ **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15) Gangster Bill Murray rewards tortom drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week. Bewitching off-beat comic romance; director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

ROCK: **Adrian Deevoy** sees U2 riding a wave of creativity and popular success

COLIN JACK



Unique performer: Bono, singer with U2, onstage at Celtic Park

Tuned in and turned on . . .

U2
Celtic Park, Glasgow

CURIOUSLY, the highlight of this superb show was a non-musical moment. For nearly a month now on the Zooropa Zoo TV tour U2 have been operating a satellite link with journalist Bill Carter in Sarajevo. Speaking live to the Scottish audience, Carter introduced a Bosnian woman who said that they, too, used to listen to music but now all they hear is the sound of shelling and mothers being raped. "We're ashamed to be European tonight," Bono told her. The group they used to call the eight-legged conscience were, in a very real sense, back.

Technically speaking this was the Zoo TV whistlestop arena tour of 1992 writ large. As with the original groundbreaking jaunt, random words — "Tofu", "Spasm", "Bomb", "Pussy" — were flashed up on the "vidiwalls" behind the band. Television images assaulted the senses. It was as if God had grabbed the remote control and was restlessly channel-hopping.

At times the visual stimulus was so intense it felt as if the regulation number of eyes most mortals are allotted was simply insufficient. But beyond the human politics and befuddling, blipping machinery was a ferociously good rock 'n' roll band currently surfing a tidal wave of creativity. This was best illustrated when the four-piece cantered down a long walkway to perform an acoustic set in the middle of the stadium. For a world-conquering rock band they make a hot little skiffle combo.

As a unit U2 work well. Bono is a unique performer: part idiot dancer, part cracked prophet and ever the incorrigible show-off. The Edge, having redefined rock guitar playing, is now a veritable electronic orchestra, issuing sounds so far removed from six strings and a piece of wood as to be virtually comical. Adam Clayton's bass physically drives the songs while Larry Mullen, who describes himself as "a man who hits things for a living", does just that to tremendous effect.

The song "One" struck an emotional chord with the crowd. Despite the ambiguous lyric — it could be a son telling his father that he has Aids, similarly it might simply document the decline of a relationship — it is their most affecting piece. When at the song's close an infected white blood cell was momentarily screened, it was almost painfully poignant.

The mid-Eighties' air-punching anthems "New Year's Day", "Where the Streets Have No Name", "Pride (In the Name of Love)" and "With Or Without You" were played straight as crowd-pleasers, which they did greatly. U2 also took this opportunity to air two new songs from their latest album, *Zooropa*. "Stay (Far Away, So Close!)", the album's desperate and desolate ballad, was touching and tender; while "Numb", The Edge's monotone rap about emotional non-response, lacked the hypnotic pulse that makes the recorded version so arresting.

Bono reappeared for the encores in the guise of his new alter ego, Mister Macphisto, a failed and faded theatre queen. From the stage Macphisto placed a call (as is now the Zoo TV tradition) to a local irritant. The victim in this instance was Ian Lang, the secretary of state for Scotland. He wasn't available, but Macphisto left a message concluding with reference to "The Scottish Play" by shouting "Out, Out, Damned Scot!" Understandably, it got the biggest cheer of the evening.

Precisely what U2 do next is a mystery. If *Zooropa* the album and tour are any kind of indicator, their next project will undoubtedly find them exploring new sonic terrain. As regards live work, if the intention is to trump *this* tour they will have to dream up something that is beyond the merely magical.

TELEVISION REVIEW: The search for a successor to Inspector Morse is continuing

Not so much a whodunit, more a whydunit

Wycliffe
ITV

TERRIBLE news. The BBC has made a second series of *Inspector Alleyn Mysteries*. Everyone begged them not to, but somehow our importunings only made them more determined. Possibly cost-effectiveness came into it (a second series justifying the initial outlay on voice coach and period lipsticks). Or possibly they thought we would eventually grow accustomed to detective stories with no plot, if we saw enough of them.

Either way, the search for the new Morse grows apace, with countless brainy-sounding monickers (Spender, Frost, Alleyn, Casaubon) banging about in the schedules, attached to actors so well-respected that sometimes it makes you gape. "Jack Shepherd is WYCLIFFE," announced the promotional material for Saturday's laughable HTV pilot story of a Cornish detective chief superintendent assisted by a dull thin cardboard female sidekick. Whereas what it should have said was "JACK SHEPHERD is Wycliffe."

Casaubon's not a real one, I made it up. But "Sir Alec Guinness is CASAUBON" — *it's only a matter of time*. The original Wycliffe, incidentally, was a 14th-century unreliable Bible translator who challenged the dogma of transubstantiation, and was followed by chaps called Lollards (except, presumably, when he instructed them to stay at home). His current namesake, however, has inherited none of these thrilling attributes, just as BBC1's Spender rarely hangs around with Thirties poets debating the role of the intellectual in the Spanish civil war. This present-day Wycliffe wears a mac, is married to a woman with an impossibly posh accent, lives in a furniture showroom, frequents waterside pubs with picture-postcard views, and solves so many murders in the sleepy catchment area of Penzance that it's a surprise they have got enough incident tape.

Is there any ecclesiastical wrangling? Not much. Any Lollards? No, sorry. Not even waiting at home? Look, stop going on about Lollards. There are 19 Wycliffe novels (author: W.J. Burley), with titles such as *The Mystery of the Three-Toed Pussy*, but here's a puzzle. Nobody beyond the environs of Penzance has heard of them!

Wycliffe is not the new Morse. Not even close. Saturday's pilot story was cheaply made (bright interior lighting), poorly acted in the minor roles, too confusing, and so uncertain in tone that you didn't know whether to laugh, cry, or go and buy a Ginster's pasty. On top of which, you knew from the start that Gemma Jones would be the ultimate culprit because she was the only big-name actor among the suspects (even Inspector Morse goofed in this respect, from time to time).

The plot was of the classic Christie puzzle type (domestic, locked-room, all-in-the-family) and the corpse was a Christie corpse — i.e just a man holding his breath on the carpet. This was very odd, in a modern setting, even a remote Cornish one. But all of *this might* have been palatable had not every appearance of Wycliffe been announced on the soundtrack by a cheerful little signature tune on the trumpet, which yelled "naff cheap television" to those with ears to hear.

Perhaps it was all a big mistake. Perhaps they intended to do the Bible translation story, cast Jack Shepherd in the clerical role (yes, it all makes sense) but got cold feet when they figured out the cost of the habits. Will *Wycliffe* "go to series"? Of course it will. Without the Lollards? Oh for goodness' sake, *yes*. But before continuing they should ponder the older Wycliffe's attitude to transubstantiation, anyway. The words silk purse and sow's ear come irresistibly to mind.

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Ian McIntyre enjoys the decidedly eccentric reminiscences of a literary agent who has spent his life in energetic pursuit of celebrity

The busiest of literary bees

AREN'T WE DUE A ROYALTY STATEMENT?
A Stern Account of Literary, Publishing and Theatrical Folk
By Giles Gordon
Chatto & Windus, £16.99

Giles Gordon, literary agent to Adrian Mole and the Duke of York, has always wanted to be famous but thinks that he is not. When he finally made it into *Who's Who* in 1991 he was so excited by his entry that he seized a ruler and made a novel comparison — "it's exactly the same length as my male organ, which I've also just measured for confirmation." James Boswell, an earlier member of the Scottish diaspora and every bit as avid for celebrity, would have been proud of him.

A second Boswellian trait is the need to worship heroes — for Samuel Johnson read John Gielgud, for Pasquale de Paoli read Günter Grass. The noise made by the authorial tail thumping the carpet is deafening. In the 1960s Grass inscribed and dated for him a copy of *The Tin Drum*. Thirty years later, when they met again at the Frankfurt Book Fair and Gordon mentioned his proud ownership, he was crestfallen when the great man responded with a gruff and economical: "So?"

Gordon's lack of fame does not result from any lack of trying. He is the busiest of busy literary bees. He has written short stories and novels. He has been a theatre critic. He has worked in publishing and as a literary agent. He has lectured in creative writing and sat on innumerable councils, panels and committees. He even wears white linen suits, and you can't try harder than that.

His six novels did not go without recognition. An English don described him in the *TLS* as "a serious anglicizer of French modes", and in 1974 he was the runner-up in the *Transatlantic Review*'s erotica award for fiction. That would have pleased Jamie Boswell, too.

Gordon would have liked to be an actor, and it is about the theatre and theatre folk that he writes best. Edith Sitwell, alone on stage at an early Edinburgh Festival, reading aloud "as though she were on her own in the lavatory" reminds him of Nefertiti's grandmother; backstage at Stratford he encounters Charles Laughton, "spreading, like a ripe brie, quite beyond the physical space he occupied". His analysis of the contrasting styles of John Thaw and Donald Sinden is perceptive and



Giles Gordon: thrilled with his entry in *Who's Who*

entertaining; the latter, he observes, unable to scale himself down from stage performance, always comes across ridiculously on television, "as if he would burst its cerements".

He is sound on Brecht and his "sullen tracts". Joan Littlewood he remembers as "theatreland's baglady of genius" and Glenda Jackson has a voice "like a dredger sucking up waste from the bottom of Manchester Ship Canal". He also has the measure of the Hare/Brenton school of socially-committed theatre. "An extended feature article," he writes succintly of David Hare's *Plenty*, "with dialogue in place of perception".

Away from the footlights, his judgments are more eccentric. "You cannot enjoy Mozart and wear an anorak," he declares dottily, and he advances a theory that hair parted in the middle is a sure mark of latent fascism. He also believes that Auberon Waugh and Richard Ingrams ("the world's most insistent public nosepicker") are the best and most influential journalists of the last two decades. A story in *Private Eye*, in Gordon's view, "even if it is incorrect in detail in a fact or two, is rarely wrong in tone, in the stance adopted." Hmm.

He greatly admired George Brown (he too made his way without benefit of university). Behind the bustle and the bounce there is a lot of insecurity and this finds expression in a voice that veers erratically from the extravagant to the patronising — Martin Amis (they have met only once) he finds "civil enough in his somewhat suburban way"; Philip Larkin is "cunningly mediocre". The indiarubber exterior also conceals great vulnerability. He enjoyed his 18 months as theatre critic of the *Spectator* more than anything he had ever done. When a new editor sacked him, he went into his bathroom and wept.

"Books mattered," he writes of his time with Penguin. "We all took infinite care." Thirty years on his editor allows him to be surprisingly careless, and there are moments when he strays alarmingly close to the line which separates musing from wittering — "the history of sport would be much diminished if no one had invented the ball."

The acknowledgements include an expression of thanks to Carmen Callil, "who commissioned a novel from me and ended up with the present volume". This indicates a degree of tolerance in Ms Callil which suggests that we must expect her early beatification. Gordon believes he is writing autobiography. If he believes that, he must also regard *This is Your Life* as literature. He will never be famous until he is less confused.

Perhaps he needs an agent.

PAPERBACKS

LEVIATHAN
By Paul Auster
Faber, £5.99
THE mysterious death of fugitive Benjamin Sachs sends his friend Peter on a poignant return journey across 15 years of shared past since the mid-1970s. The result is a beautifully constructed chronicle of interlocking lives as two ambitious young American writers work out their artistic, sexual and philosophical salvation. From their first meeting in an empty bar in snowbound New York to the final conflagration on a roadside in Wisconsin, Auster completely seduces the reader with this fastidious memoir of existential adventure.

INCA-KOLA:
A TRAVELLER'S TALE OF PERU
By Matthew Parris
Phoenix, £5.99
FROM the anarchic squalor of Lima, over the icy heights of the Andes, to the jungles of Machu-Picchu, Parris paints a vivid picture of this wretched, beautiful country as he describes a gruelling expedition made with three companions. His approach has the deliberate innocence of a student's travelogue, but behind the modesty lurks a seasoned and intrepid traveller. Some of his experiences make bomb disposal sound like a holiday, and in the midst of acute discomfort he can still speak lyrically of the landscape and the people around him. A far cry from his usual haunts at the Palace of Westminster.

KURT WEILL:
Composer in a Divided World
By Ronald Taylor
Simon & Schuster, £9.99
THE conventional view of Kurt Weill is of a composer who was lured away from his early avant-gardism by Hollywood; the brilliant talent that created *The Threepenny Opera* ending up composing bland showtunes. But Taylor makes the strongest possible case for the continuity of Weill's work during his short life. Using unpublished letters and diaries, he shows how the young Weill, brought up a German Jew in a cantorial household and coming of age at the end of the first world war, was always at the mercy of aesthetic traditions that limited his scope, though he rarely compromised his intensely dedicated vision. It is a model biography, written without undue technicality.

● *Contributors: Alison Burns, Alexander Ross, Brian Morton*

Swimming in freestyle

Erica Wagner

AQUAMARINE
By Carol Anshaw
Virago, £5.99
DELIRIA
By Albyn Leah Hall
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Who doesn't want another shot at life? A chance to go back to the time before the single moment when everything changed, before potential solidified into event? "If only" haunts us all.

In Carol Anshaw's startling and vibrant first novel, *Aquamarine*, Jesse Austin's single, life-changing moment is the three-hundredths of a second in which she falls behind Marty Finch, the Australian swimmer who takes the gold medal in the 100-metre freestyle of the 1968 Olympics. This moment never changes, is revisted again and again, while Anshaw shows us three versions of Jesse's subsequent life.

It is proof of Anshaw's skill that none of the three sections seems truer than another; each has its own truth, in each Jesse's longing for something never attained is eloquently imagined.

This longing, in different forms, follows Jesse through the novel, as do the family ties that grow stronger through restatement and infinitesimal readjustment. However her life changes, she still loves her brother William, her godmother Hallie, still struggles with her mother: with the three realities she creates, Carol Anshaw displays the true strength of Jesse's character. Jesse has an equanimity, confronted with the hands she is dealt, which make her attractive and powerful: it is her weakness, her constant return to the cusp of her life, that makes her so alive.

For Jesse always goes back to the pool. She swims in the quarry of her hometown, New Jerusalem, Missouri, or in the pool or her old high-school, now named after her. Or she has moved down to Florida and owns a lido-style swimming pool, giving lessons to soothe the aquaphobic.

The writing of this novel has the swift ease of flowing water. Surreal in its structure, it is a dream of a novel, but always earthed in real emotion and the hope for what might have been.

Claudia, in Albyn Leah Hall's *Deliria*, badly needs a second chance. She has come east from LA and landed on the treacherous streets of Camden Town, dropped out of art college, got hooked on the heroin she smokes with her Irish lover, Crilly.

This is a novel of redemption and sometimes it feels too easy: somehow you always know that Claudia is going to make it, so why bother? She lives a life of contrived deprivation, hungry for drugs and squalor but always buoyed by the cushion of cash that can take her home to California, buy her time, get her clean. Maggie, Crilly's ex, won't be quite so lucky.

But *Deliria* pulls you in. Sometimes the prose is overblown: and there are long stream-of-consciousness passages that feel empty, as if they were written only for effect.

But often Hall catches the rhythm and image of poetry, and then you go with her: "Evangelists in Florida, wasp-green eyes reckless, unblinking, black spiders haunt the pink lids of preachers' wives, upholstered in satin stripes. Commercials for cellulite products on early morning cable, cheaply lit and noisy, feel your thighs and buy our cream, thousands of buyers interviewed, send away . . ."

Hall makes a reality one step removed from itself, the addict's consciousness, something never exactly real. Its strangeness is exacerbated by Claudia's distance from those around her. She is exotic, rich, American: she knows she has a place to run to. But she is attached to her grotesque dream of London in the way only an outsider can be: she makes the familiar baroque.

Claudia blunders into well-being the same way she has blundered into everything else, and she watches the crowds at the NA and AA meetings just like she watched the junkies back in London. She is good company. Albyn Leah Hall is a novelist of promise: her own second chance should be worth looking out for.



Jane Grigson: admired by Elizabeth David for her knowledge of charcuterie and fish, her work is also full of fragments of history and poetry

First catch your sand eel, then fry it

COOKERY

Elizabeth David used to complain that when she ordered wine in a restaurant during the 1950s she was always brought a half bottle — even when she ordered a whole one. A great deal has changed in British cooking and restaurants since then. Equipment is much more sophisticated, tastes are broader — partly due to more far-reaching travel — and ingredients are more readily available.

In addition there is the contribution of the individual cook. **Out of The Frying Pan** by Hazel Castell and Kathleen Griffin, *(BBC Books, £12.99)* is a tribute to the contribution of seven women to British cooking. Each chapter is an interview concluding with a number of recipes illustrating the cooks' style.

Marguerite Patten became a household name when she joined the Ministry of Food during the second world war. She gave advice on rationing and using food substitutes and wrote the first ground-breaking manuals for pressure cookers, refrigerators, food processors and microwaves. Elizabeth David brought Mediterranean cooking to Britain during the 1950s. She had no thought of publishing originally and wrote her collection of recipes as a refuge from the cheerless reality of rationing and food shortages. David herself recognised new talent when she saw it and suggested Jane Grigson for the column in the *Observer* for which she became well known, as well as for her vast knowledge of charcuterie and fish was prodigious.

Claudia Roden, a Sephardic Jew, began collecting recipes from her family when the Jewish community left Egypt after the 1958 Suez crisis. Some of the basic ingredients of Middle Eastern food like peppers and aubergines were unobtainable in the late 1960s when Roden published her first book. Grigson called Madhur Jaffrey the Elizabeth David of India. Certainly Jaffrey's introduction of authentic Indian cooking has changed eating out in Britain just as much as David did. Josceline Dimbleby continues to maintain the standard of traditional British cooking.

Prue Leith is also numbered among these seven cooks. Founder of Leith's and the School of Food and Wine in Kensington, she has worked on the British Rail board to improve catering. The recipes from her latest book, **Leith's Vegetarian Cookery** co-authored with Caroline Waldegrave *(Bloomsbury, £12.99)* have all been taken from *Leith's Cookery Bible*. It begins with a useful set of conversion tables, then covers starters, first courses and puddings. The last chapter on basic recipes is excellent for sauces and pastry.

Jane Grigson's Fish Book, *(Michael Joseph, £20.00)*, published posthumously, is a revision of her third book, *Fish Cookery*, and incorporates her alterations to nearly two thirds of the original. It goes through the stages of choosing, cleaning and preparing fish, shell fish and crustaceans — including RSPCA guidelines on how to kill a lobster humanely — boil from cold, they fall asleep as they cook. Although the book assumes a certain amount of basic knowledge, Grigson also has suggestions on how to remedy culinary disasters and it is full of fragments of history and poetry which makes it interesting reading even if you never intend to fry a sand-eel.

Mastering the Microwave by Weight Watchers and Anne Page-Wood, *(Hodder, £10.99 pbk)* might have made me feel guilty as I haven't, but it has an illuminating section on how microwaves work and on cooking techniques. Each recipe is calorie counted and the illustrations do not sacrifice clarity to artistry. A question and answer chapter really does assuage the worries of the uninitiated.

The Raj at Table: A Culinary History of the British in India, by David Burton. *(Faber, £14.99)* is full of Anglo-Indian recipes. Even better is the vivid and often hilarious picture it presents of the British in India attempting to impose their food and customs on baffled native cooks.

My favourite of Burton's sources is the redoubtable Colonel Kenney Herbert who spent two years as a cavalry officer in southern India and later embarked on a full-time retirement career as a cookery writer. His was a voice of reason in Anglo-Indian cooking advocating simplicity against Edwardian excess. Madhur Jaffrey would have approved of him.

KATHERINE BERGEN

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A nation in harmony with itself

Simon Heffer

THE ENGLISH MUSICAL RENAISSANCE, 1860-1940
Construction and Deconstruction
By Robert Stradling and Meirion Hughes
Routledge, £40

The revival in English music from the 1880s onwards makes an interesting case study. Music had all but died in England: this was, as the authors of this work remind us, a nation reviled by the Germans as *das Land ohne Musik*. But after Parry and Stanford came Vaughan Williams and Holst; then Elgar; and after them Walton, Britten, Moeran, Bliss and the rest. From being a country that had borrowed a musical culture, we suddenly had our own, and quite a fine one at that.

There has long been a book to be written on this phenomenon and the role it played in the society that gave birth to it; sadly, this is not it. The authors know their stuff: not just the lesser-known works of the more famous English composers, but the lesser-known works of the lesser-known ones too. But the uses to which this knowledge is put are less commendable.

The development of our modern musical culture is traced socially, a legitimate enough device, but not one that allows the full story to be told. Toffs like Parry and Vaughan Williams formed a self-perpetuating hierarchy at the Royal College of Music,



Renaissance men 1910: Elgar and Stanford seated left and right, German and Parry standing left and right

and one of which the authors seem to disapprove. Elgar, who rose by his own efforts and without particular connections or patronage, was a law unto himself. Even he (again to the disapproval of the authors) conformed with the establishment, partly to get on in life and partly because of his lust for honours.

All this created what Vaughan Williams called a "national music", a concept many today find ridiculous or even distasteful. Younger rebels at the time also repudiated the idea, but that did not alter the fact of its existence. The authors, too, seem to find it absurd. They assume that a crusade was launched by the establishment, when, in fact, as much was done by individuals. Little attempt is made to quantify the genius of some of the composers about whom they write; undue emphasis is placed on their political or social motivations.

The book is superficially scholarly, yet the tone throughout is facetious. I suspect that the reason for the embarrassment which seems to permeate the book may be a feeling, common to many people who like English music, that in polite circles it is somehow not done to suggest that Elgar deserves to be taken as seriously as Tchaikovsky, or that the Sixth Symphony of Vaughan Williams (to pluck a piece at random) is as indisputable a work of genius as any other symphony of the 20th century you care to mention.

Thanks to the authors' destructiveness and lack of rigour, one of the serious points they have to make — about the relative under-performance of many English works compared with foreign ones of less merit — is almost lost. It is fortunate that the works themselves will be listened to long after this facile attempt to say something intelligent about them has been pulped.

Simon Heffer is deputy editor of the Spectator.

The dark side of domesticity

Natasha Fairweather

LIMESTONE AND CLAY
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Limestone and Clay begins in a deceptively low-key manner. The territory feels safe and dull, despite occasional flashes of wit. The reader should persevere, however. Imperceptibly, the narrative takes hold of the reader's imagination as the characters allow the reckless and grotesque aspects of their personalities to dominate in a frightening, yet entirely credible way.

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EDUCATION

Anne Gardiner has struggled to nurture her gifted son in a schools system catering for the average

'I've tried and tried to stop being clever, mummy. How long do I have to be at school before they teach something I don't know?'



From the day he was born, Daniel was different. When he was only seven hours old Daniel pushed himself up on outstretched arms to survey his surroundings. He crawled at five months, walked at nine months, and was talking at 16 months. I tried to keep up with Daniel's demands to learn more and more. At three-and-a-half he could complete simple sums and spellings and had started to read. He was a very happy child, full of life and had astonishing physical and mental energy.

The nightmare started a short time later, when Daniel began to attend a local nursery school. Within three days, I brought him home in tears. "There is something terribly wrong with me, mummy," he said. "The other boys and girls at school can't spell, can't do sums, and can't read. I'm very different from everybody." I hoped for an improvement, but two weeks later Daniel declared that he was "not allowed" to read until he was five and he didn't pick up a book again for another 18 months.

His teacher told me that Daniel did not have any of the skills that I "claimed" he had, and he was so young he should not be pushed. Her evidence was that he had been offered a six-piece puzzle and he said he could not do it. At home he could complete a 50-piece puzzle with ease. There were to be many more examples of teachers offering Daniel activities he could do when about 18 months old. He refused each one and the teacher told me that he was, in fact, "backward".

The attitude of the local educational psychologist was also unhelpful. He admitted that he had no experience of high ability children. Yet, rather than refer Daniel to a specialist, he disregarded my comments just as the nursery teacher had done. He concluded that I was an "over-anxious parent".

By chance, I happened to see the school work of friends' six-year-old children. I was disturbed to discover they were doing things that Daniel had done aged three and a half. He was still 12 months away from statutory school age, so there was no alternative but to send Daniel to a local private school that offered more formal instruction from the age of four. He started at the school two days after his fourth birthday. I had never seen him so full of excitement and anticipation.

The kindergarten class taught children age four to six and, within three weeks, Daniel was doing the work of the six-year-olds. He was desperate to learn more. He constantly asked: "How long do I have to be at school before they teach me something I don't know?"

One day Daniel completed six workbooks in 90 minutes. He was presented with a large gold star for excellent performance. That night he asked why everyone had made such a fuss. "Why don't they know that the work is too easy?", he asked. I didn't know it at the time but the gold star day was to be Daniel's own personal Waterloo. From that day, his behaviour deteriorated dramatically. Frustration, confusion and despair totally overwhelmed him, and he began to be violent to other children and himself. He would hit his face, bang his head on the walls, and pull out his hair. With the headmistress refusing to move him into class one, "because he's only four", we removed Daniel from this school at the end of term. My son said: "I've tried and tried to stop being clever, mummy, but I don't know how to stop it." He started having nightmares, biting his nails and wetting his bed.

Searching for help, we took Daniel to the Gifted Children's Information Centre in Solihull, West Midlands. Daniel was assessed as having "superior intelligence" and an IQ of more than 150. We were advised that he should be "stretched and challenged" throughout his school life. But seeking an expert's opinion proved to be entirely counter-productive. The local educational psychologist claimed that since we had paid for the assessment, the consultant had probably told us what we wanted to hear.

I started visiting local schools. One headmaster told me that if Daniel came to his school, I had to accept that he would "not be taught but merely contained". Another said: "As a parent you have my sympathies; as a teacher, I would love the opportunity to teach your son, but, as a headmaster, I have to consider the rest of the school. No state system is capable of teaching this ability level because the teaching methods are against it." Despite this, the local director of education claimed in a letter that "all the schools in the local education authority have the necessary experience to provide for gifted children". Clearly, they do not.

By accident, I learned of a Montessori school, across the county. It has a number of truly gifted children, some with special needs and many in between. The headmistress believes that all children are individuals and should be taught to their ability level, whatever that happens to be. She is against the age trap that confines children to a learning system linked solely to their age. Daniel started at the Montessori school on June 1, 1992, and within a week he was transformed. At last he seemed happy.

However, during the Christmas term there were some problems as Daniel refused to work "because I'm not even five yet". The legacy of the age related learning system had cut deeper into my son than anyone realised. The staff believed he had suffered a serious emotional trauma after he was found hitting himself again. Daniel was so convinced that he should not now work at his level, that he was in a terrible state of self-imposed frustration. At the age of four, he was suffering from clinical depression.

Daniel has shown some improvement since his fifth birthday in January. But at a recent school parents' day we were told that he continues to try to hide his ability for fear of repercussions from either the teachers, the children or both. Health professionals now acknowledge that Daniel did suffer an emotional trauma during his first six months at school and he is to have a statement of special educational needs.

Daniel is not unique, nor is he a freak of nature. Research shows that many gifted children are labelled as slow learners simply because they refuse to complete tasks which to them are so simple as to be insulting. I did not start this battle because I thought I had produced another Einstein; I did it because my little boy was so desperately unhappy.

Terms such as "gifted", "intellectually superior" and "exceptional ability" create many of the problems. The inference of privilege in such labels is counter-productive because it fuels the myth that these children are born to succeed. Like all children, they need nurturing and encouragement. They need a system that caters for their specific learning needs and which accepts their abilities, instead of fearing them.

● *The National Association for Gifted Children, Park Campus, Boughton Green Lane, Northampton, (0604 792300) has 30 branches in which volunteers offer activity clubs for children and counselling. The Gifted Children's Information Centre is at Hampton Grange, 21 Hampton Lane, Solihull (021-705 4547)*

● *The name of the writer and her son have been changed*

Why Dearing got it wrong

The national curriculum review will create more problems than it solves

Sir Ron Dearing was asked to review the national curriculum, testing and its assessment against the background of conflict between teachers and the government. At the root of this altercation was a dispute about the function of teacher assessment. In itself, teacher assessment presents no problem. Everyone agrees that teachers should assess their pupils.

But should teachers also be responsible for awarding each pupil a grade on the basis of work done throughout the year, which will stand as an official record of achievement, and be used in judging the performance of the school? Most educationists believe so, and they designed the national curriculum to reflect their views. But, ultimately, ministers were not convinced. How, they wondered, could such gradings provide a reliable way of comparing standards from one school to another?

Late in the day, they insisted that much of the assessment should take place through formal written tests, marked to a rigid scheme. Teachers were outraged; and the tests, which had to be based on criteria intended for continuous assessment, were bland at best, at worst unfair.

This was Sir Ron's problem. A glance at his report might suggest that he has solved it by deft compromise. The tests will stay, but teacher assessment will be reported to parents alongside and carry an equal weight. Politically, this formula is proving successful, and has won widespread approval. But political compromises do not usually make for coherent policy. Sir Ron's system is even less workable than the one it is supposed to replace. To use teacher assessments as a basis for comparing school performance demands a differently structured curriculum from that assessed through formal, written tests. The two types of assessment cannot simply be combined within a single curriculum.

In order to provide a reliable way of comparing pupils' achievement nationally, teacher assessment must be based on a set of explicit criteria for attainment. This is the only way to be sure that teachers in different schools make judgments according to the same standard. The architects of the present national curriculum understood this and, with teacher assessment in mind, devised a hideously complex system detailing hundreds of facts and skills that children must achieve at every level of ability and in each subject.

But a system of this sort is not suited to formal testing, as this summer's unhappy experience illustrated. Moreover, such a system will always involve great bureaucracy and has grave educational disadvantages — especially in the way it breaks up learning into discrete, self-contained units.

Yet Sir Ron cannot scrap the system because he needs the framework provided by statements of attainment to support the upgrading of teacher assessment he has promised. The result is a set of piecemeal modifications that will reduce the complexity and, in some areas, the tightness of the curriculum, but without changing its essential character. These changes will lead to the worst of both worlds: a national curriculum which remains too rigid for good teaching and well-set formal tests, but is now too loosely-defined for reliable teacher assessment.

These problems could be avoided by Sir Ron if he took seriously his professed wish to make the curriculum less prescriptive. If the national curriculum were limited to a core of basic skills, and were designed to occupy less than half of school time, it is hard to see that teachers would object to simple, written tests being used to measure it.

But Sir Ron's slimming of the curriculum for under-14s merely liberates a few hours each week from statutory control, by allowing "foundation" subjects such as history, geography and technology to be studied in less depth or with more freedom. Every pupil must still take the same eleven statutory subjects, regardless of his interests, abilities and aims. And the curriculum for the "core" subjects of English, mathematics and science will remain heavily prescriptive.

JOHN MARENBON

● *John Marenbon resigned as chairman of the English Committee of the School Examinations and Assessment Council in May in protest at this summer's English tests for 14 year olds.*

Tales of the unprotected



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Dressing up to learn from history

Children are getting to grips with the past



Paul Drake instructs junior "monks" at Neath Abbey

In their heyday, Wales's ancient monuments were centres of learning and technology. Now, thanks to an educational initiative by their custodian, Cadw (the Welsh equivalent of English Heritage), they are becoming so again. Six thousand pupils are visiting castles, abbeys and ironworks to gain a new perspective on the curriculum.

"We are dispelling the myth that heritage sites are only of interest to historians," says Rhian Watcyn Jones, Cadw's education officer. "What we do is use history and drama to teach other subjects, as our Caerleon project illustrates."

Caerleon (the Roman town Isca and former home of the second Augustan legion) is renowned for its amphitheatre, barracks and bath house. But pupils also regard it as a place where they learn maths, technology, religious education and art.

Roman numerals and measuring techniques are an innovative way of learning maths, while technology is introduced through Roman buildings, pottery and metalwork. Roman gods and temples offer a different perspective on religious education, and the exquisite jewellery and mosaics unearthed inspire considerable creative artwork.

The Cadw approach is popular with pupils. The majority come from primary schools, although some work has been done with A-level and college students. Two recent acquisitions — a pair of medieval and 17th-century churches at Corwen, Clwyd — should be of interest to art students because restoration work has revealed unusual wall paintings.

Some of the projects are of relevance to all ages and abilities. Last month, 800 pupils from Caerphilly visited their local castle to learn about the technology of medieval warfare by watching the castle's massive siege engines being fired.

In June, nine and ten-year-olds from Cwmnedd Primary School spent a day locally at Neath Abbey experiencing monastic life. Assisted by members of the Heritage Theatre Company who played the main characters, they met the abbey's Norman founder and its last abbot before dissolution. The children helped to design the abbey, using a giant jigsaw, and sampled monastic crafts. Dressed as monks, they learnt how a Cistercian mass was celebrated.

"It was a marvellous visit," says the class teacher, Jean Davies. "As well as experiencing monastic life, the children spent the afternoon learning about the art of a period, focusing on calligraphy and tile design. Back at school, we fired and painted the tiles during art lessons.

"Between art, maths, creative writing, drama and history, the follow-up work arising from that visit will last into the next school year."

In complete contrast, children of St Peter's Primary School, Blaenavon, found themselves loading furnaces at the local ironworks. "Our school was built by the iron masters, and the pupils enjoyed taking on the characters of children who actually worked in the ironworks in 1841," says Jack Markey, the head teacher. "Maths became more exciting when it was used to calculate barrel-loads of iron ore for the furnace, and the experience resulted in excellent creative poetry and prose work."

To make its sites accessible all year round, Cadw is collaborating with two teacher training colleges. Students from Cardiff and Bangor are manning education resource rooms at Castell Coch, near Cardiff, and Caernarvon Castle respectively. Lecturers at the colleges are helping to devise curriculum material.

In future, Cadw hopes to extend this approach to the medieval walled town of Conwy and the former Roman town of Caerwent. At Conwy, Cadw has taken charge of an Elizabethan town house, Plas Mawr. This is being restored to its former glory, and part of the house will be made available to schools.

IOLA SMITH

Capitalisation, week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 2. Dealings end August 13. §Contango day August 16. Settlement day August 23. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,270.20	Abbey Nat	402	+19	11.5	3.6	15.3
1,738.20	Allied Irish	265	-8	...	4.3	13.5
2,214.30	Aus New Z	181	-½	...	5.0	...
10,732.20	Bankamerica	3018¼	-31½	...	...	...
1,128.50	Bk of Ireland	240	-13	...	5.6	17.7
37.30	Bk Leumi UK	330 †	+4½	17.0	6.1	...
1,867.60	Bank Scotland	161	+6	4.5	3.5	32.1
8,037.70	Barclays	498	+16	...	...	...
6.04	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
5.79	Carlisle	19	...	...	...	...
17.00	Cater Allen	527	+12	27.0	6.4	...
147.20	Cattles	133	+2	...	3.9	17.7
3,502.40	Chase Manh	2243¾	+109½	...	...	...
8,087.80	Citicorp	2212¾	-25	...	...	...
175.10	Close Bros	397	+20	...	3.0	17.7
3,854.20	Commerzbk	£129¼	+775	...	3.0	...
14,442.80	Deutsche Bk	£303¼	+1571½	...	2.0	...
140.30	First Nat Fin	86	-2	...	...	...
46,539.60	Fuji Bank Y	1608	-4	...	0.3	∞
182.20	Gerrard Nat	466	+20	21.5	5.8	12.4
5,854.80	HSBC	714	+43	19.0	3.3	17.1
11,821.90	HSBC HK	695	+35	19.0	3.4	16.6
661.90	Hambros	380	+15	14.0	4.6	17.0
18.30	Joseph (L)	348 †	+3½	16.6	6.0	...
21.80	King Shaxson	138	+2	9.0	8.2	...
640.60	Kleinwort Ben	489	+51	16.0	4.1	16.7
7,007.10	Lloyds	547 †	-3½	18.4	4.2	15.6
51.80	Lon Scot Bk	87	+7	3.0	4.3	17.2
6,097.00	Nat Aust Bk	473	-7	...	4.3	16.4
8,222.00	Nat West	498	+3	17.5	4.4	20.9
556.30	Provident	417	+15	11.4	3.4	18.1
16.10	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
2,363.10	Ryl Bk Scot	298	+2	8.8	3.7	...
1,188.90	Schroders	1183	+100	...	1.2	23.6
2,105.10	Stand Chart	884	+37	20.0	2.8	...
3,348.50	TSB	214	+10	6.4	3.8	...
33.80	Union Disc	178	+13	...	...	...
1,681.30	Warburg SG	782	+13	...	3.0	19.7
115.50	-do- 6% 'A'	271½	+5½	...	2.8	...
4,210.30	Wells Fargo	7600	-175	...	1.4	...
3,208.40	Westpac	183	...	...	4.1	...
20.40	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,277.90	Allied-Lyons	597	+23	...	4.4	16.1
4,131.70	Bass	476	-11	18.9	5.0	10.4
322.00	Boddington	267	-2	7.3	3.4	15.6
225.80	Bulmer (HP)	430 †	+1	...	3.0	18.8
30.00	Burtonwd Brw	144	+9	4.7	4.1	12.0
205.20	Devenish (JA)	377	+6	7.8	2.6	21.2
20.00	Eldridge P 'A'	103	+1	...	3.9	27.3
1,733.30	Fosters Brewing	54½	-1½	...	5.0	7.6
79.80	Fullr Sm 'A'	395	-5	7.4	2.3	16.9
8,660.70	Grand Met	419	+4	12.3	3.7	13.8
757.70	Greenalls Grp	365	+8	11.7	4.0	12.1
234.80	Greene King	535	+11	...	2.8	15.7
9,437.60	Guinness	470	+12	...	3.2	16.7
61.30	Hardy Hansn	245	-17	7.9	4.0	13.6
2.92	Heavitree	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
432.80	Highland Dist	346	+24	6.0	2.2	23.0
87.80	Holt J	2925	...	41.0	1.8	19.1
3.23	Hoskins Brew	56 #	...	...	...	40.3
360.80	Invrgordn Dist	283	+16	...	3.1	16.2
187.20	Macallan-Glen	161	-2	0.9	0.7	36.2
53.00	Mardn Marstn 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
123.70	Mansfield	783	...	...	2.5	14.0
349.10	Marstn Thmp	275	+3	...	2.5	16.6
61.10	Matthew Clark	430	...	...	5.0	∞
35.70	Mrrydwn W	294	+29	7.0	3.0	∞
111.30	Morland	525	...	8.4	2.0	20.9
5.15	Paramount	10½	+1	...	2.1	18.2
24.50	Regent Inns	167	+2	...	3.4	16.7
2,482.70	SA Breweries	908	-17	...	3.0	15.1
1,890.30	Scot & New	449	+3	...	4.7	14.0
223.00	Tomatin Cider	204 †	-½	6.0	3.7	16.7
334.90	Vaux Group	242	+5	9.3	4.8	16.7
86.50	Wetherspoon JD	276	-2	...	2.2	22.3
2,291.60	Whitbread 'A'	507	+½	...	4.4	13.7
189.90	-do- 'B'	1158	+95	...	1.9	29.1
349.90	Wolvrhmptn D	531	+22	11.4	2.7	14.9
13.80	Young 'A'	475	-5	14.5	3.8	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
44.50	Abbey	115	+5	...	9.7	∞
8.60	Albrighton	17	-1	...	...	...
25.30	Allen	114	...	...	5.5	25.8
187.90	Amec	93	+4	3.0	4.0	17.2
3.96	Anglia Sec	12	+6	...	...	...
55.40	Ashtead	246	+29	4.5	2.3	∞
296.10	Attwoods	105	+1½	5.0	6.0	15.2
1,163.20	BPB Ind	234	+3	...	4.0	40.2
29.40	Baggeridge Brk	74	-1	3.1	5.3	24.9
2.66	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
19.40	Barcom	104	+4	1.2	1.5	18.9
237.90	Bardon	43 †	-2	2.0	5.8	21.3
285.20	Barratt Devs	158	+2	2.0	1.6	17.6
199.70	Bellway	410	+29	...	3.7	23.8
14.50	Bellwinch	33	+6	...	...	...
316.80	Berkeley Gp	413	+6	...	1.8	25.9
14.90	Bett Bros	99	+16	...	0.6	4.1
13.10	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
1,858.80	Blue Circle	269	+4	...	5.2	...
71.80	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
25.30	Breedon PLC	89	...	4.6	6.5	21.5
20.20	Br Dredging	115	-1	5.2	5.7	25.5
16.20	Brit Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
388.10	Bryant	141½	+10	4.8	4.2	30.3
26.60	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
827.80	CRH	285	+12	...	3.2	18.1
1.36	Cakebread Rby	21	-2	...	...	...
79.40	Costain	34½	...	...	...	...
96.90	Countryside	127	-3	...	4.0	33.6
48.20	Crest Nicholson	63	+3	0.0	...	...
13.30	Cussons	93	+1	...	...	...
1.19	Dunton	2½	...	...	...	...
8.96	Edmond Hldgs	17	+1	0.5	3.7	...
90.20	Epwin	255	+1	6.8	3.3	21.6
20.80	Erith	44	...	0.3	1.0	...
40.70	Eve Group	428 †	-12½	...	2.9	∞
5.71	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
8.93	Freeman Gp	129 †	-2	...	4.8	20.5
36.40	Galliford	41	...	4.3	...	16.5
0.94	Gibbs & Dandy	54	+2	...	...	...
91.90	Gleeson (MJ)	910	-3	12.7	1.8	14.8
237.90	Hewden-Stuart	125½	+4½	...	3.2	28.5
3.97	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.5	33.4
22.00	Heywd Wlm	305	-3	12.5	5.1	...
40.50	Higgs & Hill	92	+2	2.5	3.4	...
11.50	How Gp	28	+1	...	6.7	...
4.77	Howard Hldgs	19	+1	0.5	3.3	...
165.20	Ibstock Johnsen	60	+1	1.0	1.9	...
12.20	Jarvis	18	...	...	...	...
127.30	Laing (J)	278	+6	9.0	4.0	11.1
46.00	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	114½	+4½	...	7.0	...
7.71	Ln Clydeside	85	+6	4.5	6.6	32.0
12.10	Lovell (YJ)	14½	-2	...	...	6.6
118.20	Manders	316	+1	9.0	3.6	19.4
410.20	Marley	145	+4	4.2	3.6	42.5
116.20	Marshalls	96	+10	...	5.2	66.1
39.30	Maunders (J)	159	+2	4.9	3.9	14.6
114.70	McAlpine (A)	205	+5	6.5	4.0	35.1
23.90	McCarthy & S	34	+5	0.5	...	...
454.60	Meyer Int	366	+8	...	3.4	36.7
123.60	Mowlem (J)	114	+4	4.0	4.4	...
18.50	NSM	108	+13	...	...	...
9.01	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
202.80	Newman Tnks	168	+10	...	5.9	22.4
264.80	Persimmon	268	+2	8.6	4.0	27.3
3.61	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
15.90	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
81.40	Prowting	122	+15	3.4	3.3	...
2.36	Quiligotti	3½	-½	...	...	...
1,566.00	RMC Gp	799	-6	...	3.1	31.4
156.00	Raine Ind	65	-1	6.0	9.0	13.9
2.49	Ramus	22	...	...	...	...
2,651.60	Redland	526	+11	25.0	5.9	30.6
11.50	Roskel	77	...	4.3	7.0	11.3
804.70	Rugby Group	275	-3	6.4	2.9	21.1
6.42	Svrfld-Rvee	41	...	...	...	...
22.90	Sharpe & Fisher	109	-1	...	4.6	19.0
119.30	Sheffield Insl	183	+1	...	3.7	44.9
13.00	Sheriff Hldgs	124	+1	...	2.0	18.5
2.47	Shoreco	72	...	8.5	9.0	16.4
21.70	Smart (J)	215	+10	8.5	4.9	9.8
11.80	Starmin	3½	...	0.3	10.7	∞
1,097.20	Tarmac	149½	+8	5.5	4.6	...
33.90	Tay Homes	153	-4	5.8	4.8	9.8
493.00	Taylor Woodrw	118	+½	1.0	1.1	...
197.40	Tilbury Dougls	584	...	33.0	7.1	19.0
3.56	Torex Hire	35	-2	...	1.4	...
241.50	Travis Perkins	237	+10	8.0	4.2	41.7
14.30	Try Group	33	-1	1.0	3.8	9.3
2.84	Tudor	36	...	...	1.2	...
30.80	Vibroplant	67	+7	2.5	4.8	23.6
27.30	Ward Hldgs	52	+4	...	...	...
0.75	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
90.50	Watts Blake	435	-5	...	3.4	18.8
2.31	Wescol	22	...	...	...	...
96.40	Westbury	145	+7	5.0	4.3	22.6
3.92	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
1.43	Wiggins	0 #	...	...	...	...
323.60	Wilson Bowdn	417	+17	8.7	2.6	28.6
352.50	Wilson (C)	186	+14	3.9	2.6	32.2
666.90	Wimpey G	185	+10	...	3.5	...
4.49	YRM	34	...	0.5	1.8	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
791.50	ADT	570	...	...	...	...
8.77	Adam & Harvey	205	...	12.0	7.3	∞
5.76	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
3.59	African Lakes	51	-3	2.0	4.9	...
180.00	Auto Sec	158	-1	...	4.2	28.3
1,275.20	BET Ord	136½	-12½	...	3.0	5.5
21.70	BNB Res	90	+2	4.9	6.8	...
76.10	BPP	294	+1	8.0	3.4	16.2
32.90	Barbour Index	198	-2	8.0	5.1	∞
17.90	Boustead	21	+1	0.7	4.2	...
55.60	Brit Data Mgt	259	...	...	2.2	19.1
3.98	Broadcastle	25	+1	...	...	19.9
7.23	Brooks Service	60	+2	...	...	...
50.10	CRT Gp	95	-1	2.8	3.8	∞
76.30	Capita Group	161	+9	...	1.6	25.0
34.00	Caskei Plc	42½	+1½	...	2.4	16.1
18.50	Chiltern Capital	20	+1½	...	...	...
10.50	Christie	45	...	...	...	...
941.30	Chubb Sec	337	+7	...	1.8	20.9
5.46	Comae	85	...	...	2.2	21.2
7.73	Corp Services	26	+1	...	...	...
11.70	Coutts Cnslg	49	-1	...	...	...
16.80	Dart	110	+18	3.3	3.8	14.9
237.00	Davis Service	233	+6	...	4.3	17.6
4.69	EW Facts	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
29.50	Gardiner	27½	+1	0.6	...	18.9
975.30	Hays	242	+4	4.6	2.4	23.8
152.30	Hogg Robinsn	220	+10	...	3.8	16.0
16.30	Holmes Protecn	37	-1	...	...	2.4
6,705.00	Hutch Whamp	193	+11	...	2.4	16.4
535.70	ISS B DKr	2062½	+137½	...	2.1	2.7
2,955.40	Inchcape	564	+23	...	3.0	18.6
161.50	Johnson Clean	820	-4	25.7	3.9	17.9
76.10	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
25.00	Mite Gp	241	+5	3.5	1.8	∞
766.40	Manpower	1030	+53	...	...	...
31.40	Michael Page	52½	+1½	1.8	4.3	22.3
8.94	Pennas	189	-1	...	6.6	7.1
2.23	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
74.30	Proudfoot Alex	120	+8	...	12.5	6.6
36.10	RCO	337	-8	12.5	5.2	11.4
8.49	REA	100	-1	4.0	5.0	...
50.20	Reed Executive	98	...	...	...	...
24.60	Reliance Sec	110	-1	...	5.3	∞
1,994.60	Rentokil	205	+11	2.3	1.4	25.6
12.60	Rolfe & Nolan	223	-1	...	4.0	12.6
1,042.20	Salvesen (C)	361½	+26½	...	2.7	19.8
1.79	Scott Pickford	32	+1	...	3.7	8.6
69.50	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
11.80	Select Appt	5½	...	...	...	...
114.20	Serco Gp	993	+18	14.0	1.8	27.5
8.78	Sherwd Cmpt	144	-66	...	6.1	4.2
56.80	Sketchley	98	+4	...	3.8	22.4
77.70	Warner Howrd	328	+9	6.5	2.5	17.1
15.60	Welpac	35	...	...	...	...
32.50	Wills Gp	29½	...	...	0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
640.70	Allied Colloids	244	+2	...	2.2	21.5
466.30	Amersham	818	-4	...	2.1	28.3
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
5,719.80	BASF DM	£100	+12½	...	3.2	...
364.50	BTP	222	+9	...	4.3	18.7
7,590.10	Bayer DM50	£115¼	-59½	...	4.6	...
72.50	Blagden	156	...	9.5	7.6	16.8
74.90	Brent Chems	111	+10	...	8.3	10.2
123.20	Br Bio-Tech	345	-5	...	...	...
8.15	Caird Gp	14½	+1½	...	11.7	39.6
36.50	Canning (W)	129	+1	7.2	7.1	14.8
2,321.80	Courtaulds	579	+27	...	3.0	15.4
380.20	Croda	280	+1	...	3.3	18.9
14.90	Doeflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
172.40	Ellis & Everard	209 †	-1	7.0	4.2	...
10.00	Euro Colour	37½	+1	0.8	3.0	20.5
92.10	Halstead (J)	309	...	...	3.4	15.5
376.40	Hickson	194	-22	...	5.2	18.0
6,400.80	Hoechst	£109½	+125	...	3.2	...
180.40	Holliday Chem	211	+10	...	2.2	19.4
4,874.00	ICI	676	+8	...	5.2	...
1,192.50	Laporte	625	+26	19.5	3.9	17.2
127.80	Leigh	201	+4	...	5.0	18.9
12.30	MTM	47	+5	...	...	...
3,671.40	Norsk Hydro	1787½	+65½	...	1.6	25.4
110.50	Paterson Zoch	453	+3	11.4	3.2	19.5
93.40	-do- 'A'	406	+6	11.4	3.5	17.5
107.10	Plysu	226	-3	...	3.9	14.7
37.40	Porvair	243	...	3.6	1.9	26.0
34.10	Sutcliffe Speak	13½	...	...	...	...
102.00	Wardle Storeys	413	+1	16.0	4.8	16.6
35.50	Wolstenholme R	480	+5	17.0	4.4	16.4
161.40	Yorks Chem	354	-1	...	2.7	18.8
218.40	Yule Catto	257	+10	5.9	2.9	15.7
6,199.20	Zeneca	656	+21½	...	5.3	38.1

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34.40	Alexon	60 †	+3	...	6.3	...
82.60	Amber Day	71	+6	3.1	5.5	19.5
1,000.90	Argos Plc	337	+10	...	2.6	28.8
23.20	Ashley Group	16½	+1½	...	4.3	...
251.30	Ashley (Laura)	107	+7	0.1	0.1	...
233.80	Asprey	293	+3	5.1	2.2	20.3
36.10	Austin Reed	118	...	...	2.6	...
87.70	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	+2	...	5.1	14.0
41.50	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	2.4	...
269.80	Betterware	265	-15	...	0.9	31.7
9.86	Blacks Leis	31	+5	2.2	9.5	...
408.80	Body Shop	218	+2	...	1.0	28.1
99.30	Brown & Jackson	15½	+1	...	0.6	7.7
275.90	Brown (N)	378	...	...	2.3	22.2
1,101.00	Burton	78½	...	...	3.2	...
23.60	Cantors	142	...	...	2.4	18.9
37.00	Church	343	...	12.5	4.6	30.3
26.90	Clinton Cards	158	+15	4.2	3.4	19.1
1,501.80	Coats Viyella	247	+8	...	3.7	28.1
19.40	Colourvision	96	-4	5.6	7.5	16.7
164.60	Courts Furnish	672	-3	5.5	1.0	8.4
2.24	Crown Eyes	140	+5	...	6.5	∞
2,004.70	Dairy Farm Intl	121	+10	...	2.8	19.2
99.20	Dewhirst (IJ)	79	+3	1.0	1.6	25.4
927.50	Dixons Grp	236	+21	...	3.3	...
605.30	Dunhill	356	+10	8.1	2.9	13.8
9.17	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
6.06	Elys (Wimbldn)	505	-5	16.0	4.1	16.9
17.50	Essex Furn	153	+2	...	2.2	25.9
166.50	Etam	255	+3	6.9	3.4	23.4
480.20	Fine Art Dev	604	+12	12.7	2.6	19.7
2.11	Fired Earth Tiles	37	-2	...	...	...
16.50	Forminster	538 †	+10	14.0	3.3	∞
18.70	French Conn	118	+7	...	...	...
23.80	Gent SR	66	+6	2.0	3.8	19.4
12.30	Goldsmiths Gp	56	...	0.3	0.7	...
195.80	GUS	3600	+90	...	1.5	28.2
4,796.70	-do- 'A'	1985	+3	...	2.8	15.4
3.71	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
61.80	Harstone	59	+5	...	5.9	...
29.60	Helene Plc	24	+1	2.0	10.5	11.3
3.13	Heritage	71	+2	...	...	...
5.77	Honeysuckle	71	+8	...	1.8	10.1
11.70	Jacques Vert	123	+9	3.0	3.1	∞
4,102.20	Kingfisher	636	+2	...	2.7	20.8
24.30	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.3	14.1
94.30	Liberty	568	-47	7.2	1.6	66.9
323.20	Lloyds Chem	274	+18	5.5	2.5	10.7
854.70	MFI	147	+11	...	3.2	30.4
9,872.00	Marks Spencer	357½	+4½	...	2.8	19.6
279.70	Menzies (John)	503	+5	...	2.7	14.1
37.80	Moss Bros	225	...	3.5	3.1	26.4
749.10	Next	203	-17	2.5	1.5	24.2
8.34	Oliver (G)	33	...	...	...	...
159.00	Oriflame Intl	303	+33	...	4.0	∞
69.10	Pentos	48	+3	1.5	3.9	10.0
82.50	QS Hldgs	210	...	5.1	3.1	15.0
104.10	Ratners Group	39½	+3½	...	...	...
17.70	Rhino Grp	34½	+1½	...	...	...
163.50	Sherwood Gp	147	+3	...	2.2	13.2
1,643.70	Sears	109	+7½	...	4.0	...
1,264.40	Smith WH 'A'	464	+29	13.4	3.6	16.3
1.87	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
867.80	Storehouse	211	+11	...	3.0	27.2
99.70	T & S Stores	156	+1	5.9	4.7	11.6
72.80	Tie Rack	141	+11	1.0	0.9	23.1
112.30	Time Products	213	+13	7.5	4.4	18.4
6.92	Usher (Frank)	99	-1	...	6.3	7.8
18.70	Vivat	34	-1	1.0	3.7	10.5
2.54	Wengrum?	34	...	...	0.7	...
349.50	Wickes	114	+3	...	...	30.6
5.61	Wld of Leather	69	...	...	...	...
56.20	Wyevale	183	...	...	2.7	24.2
5.78	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
344.80	ACT Group	187	+19	...	3.3	18.8
33.70	Acal	233	...	...	3.4	16.2
76.30	Acorn Comp	115	+10	...	...	58.3
48.00	Admiral	444	+2	5.4	1.5	18.8
69.90	Alba	151	...	...	4.1	18.5
9.99	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
203.40	Amstrad	35	+1½	0.4	...	...
14.10	App Holo	68	...	...	...	...
10.80	Arlen	36	-2	...	...	...
212.40	Astec	69	+½	...	...	1.1
25.40	Beales Hunter	258	+6	9.4	4.7	∞
5.57	Bennett & Fount	9½	-½	...	...	...
1,555.80	BICC	443	+25	19.2	5.4	30.0
109.10	Brock	440	-9	9.2	2.6	17.1
355.00	Borland	1250	...	...	...	...
602.30	Bowthorpe	365	+23	6.3	2.2	23.8
26,305.00	BT	424	+9½	...	4.7	19.6
5,368.00	BT P/P	180	+9	...	4.4	20.8
2.86	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11	-½	0.1	1.1	...
47.30	Burnfield	138	...	5.7	5.2	21.8
8,807.50	Cable Wireless	811	...	...	2.3	26.1
48.90	Chloride	20½	+½	...	...	...
44.30	CML Micro	253	...	...	2.3	18.4
14.60	Comptr People	105	-8	0.6	0.8	...
302.50	Cray Elect	149 †	+1	...	1.3	15.0
45.80	Critchley	397 †	+5	...	1.9	∞
811.00	Delta	548	+1	...	3.2	22.6
14.90	Densitron El	342	+2	...	2.2	14.6
101.40	Domino	396	-3	7.2	2.3	13.5
85.00	Dowding Mills	38	-1	2.5	5.4	19.7
65.60	Druck	1025	...	10.0	1.2	∞
947.40	Electrocomps	452	+20	...	2.2	18.4
47.80	El Data Pro	530	...	5.1	1.2	15.1
27.80	Electron House	108	...	2.6	3.1	∞
35.50	Eness	36	...	0.1	0.5	...
261.50	Eurotherm	585 †	+11½	8.0	1.7	26.6
677.50	FKI	153	+2	...	2.5	22.4
601.20	Farnell Elect	449	+9	...	1.7	23.8
7.61	Feedback	90	...	...	2.1	11.7
114.60	Ferranti	12½	+2	...	...	...
36.70	First Tech	247	+2	1.0	0.5	∞
19.80	Forward Gp	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
6.80	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
9,374.10	GEC	343½	-8½	...	3.7	17.4
121.50	Graseby	192	+13	...	7.1	40.4
9.57	Graystone	10	+1	...	...	...
1.35	Hilclare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
6.53	INSTEM	145	...	...	2.7	10.4
67.00	Jones Stroud	368	+13	8.8	3.0	∞
4.57	Kembrey	16 †	+½	0.1	1.2	...
111.60	Kenwood App	304	+4	5.8	2.4	∞
23.40	Kewill Sys	196	+6	...	...	...
17.50	Kode	188	...	5.5	3.7	22.3
5.80	Laser-Scan	36	...	...	...	...
45.40	LBMS	253	-5	...	0.4	∞
16.50	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
242.50	Life Sciences	143	+8	3.5	3.1	15.5
150.10	Logica	244	+10	3.6	1.9	28.8
3.92	LPA Ind	47	+2	...	9.4	13.3
105.00	MR Data Mngmt	190	+5	4.3	2.8	18.1
148.20	Macro 4	655	-14	...	2.4	22.0
102.70	Menvier-Swn	630	+23	...	2.2	...
258.00	Micro Focus	1830	-73	...	...	16.9
57.90	Microgen	147	...	7.2	6.2	10.0
16.70	Microvitec	25½	-½	...	...	...
197.30	Misys	509 †	-11½	7.0	1.7	∞
257.60	Mitel	326	+6	...	...	...
13.40	MMT Comp	126	...	...	3.5	16.0
6.32	Molynx	33½	+2	1.3	4.9	...
38.00	MTL Instr	216	+2	...	2.1	16.3
17.90	Multitone Elect	119	+1	3.5	3.7	∞
18.20	Murray Enter	191	+1	1.8	1.2	...
12,263.70	NYNEX	3937½	-137½	...	...	...
34.70	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
2.83	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
13.10	Norbain	189	+13	...	1.0	∞
10.80	Northamber	61	+8	0.6	1.2	...
15.20	Oceonics	11	...	...	...	...
136.70	Oxford Instr	283	+22	4.5	2.0	19.3
14.40	P-E Intern'l	66	-4	1.0	1.9	...
38.80	P & P	70	+2	1.4	2.5	36.7
80.50	Peek	70	-1	3.4	6.1	18.3
11.10	Pegasus	172	+5	...	4.6	44.1
11.60	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	...	6.4	...
3,914.90	-do- Lmp NV	1225	+187½	...	...	...
89.10	Phonelink	251	+3	...	...	...
24.30	Pifco	524	+1	7.7	1.9	44.4
17.30	-do- 'A' Voting	499	+1	7.7	2.0	42.3
3.62	Plasmec	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
26.80	Pressac	105	+2	2.4	2.9	21.2
22.00	Psion	100	...	...	3.1	26.6
673.10	Racal Elect	241	-1	4.2	2.2	14.3
10.30	Radamec	56	...	...	3.3	12.0
9.55	Radius	35 †	-2½	2.7	...	12.1
5.53	Real Time	79	+4	...	4.9	∞
7.54	Riva	20	...	...	...	36.8
85.30	Sage Gp	416	-8	9.0	2.7	13.3
28.50	Sanderson Elec	320	+7	9.0	3.5	13.6
28.80	Scantronic	76 †	+1½	3.1	5.1	19.2
55.00	Scholes Grp	145	...	5.0	4.3	28.5
331.20	Sema Gp	384	...	2.8	1.0	29.5
13.10	Silverlines?	40	+3	...	3.4	...
4.70	Soundtracks	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
3,353.20	TDK	2560	-128½	...	1.1	31.2
1.44	TDS Circuits	16	+2½	...	...	...
135.80	Telemetrix	150	+4	0.8	0.7	24.7
3,624.20	THORN EMI	935 †	-18	...	4.3	19.1
13.40	Thorpe FW	104	...	2.5	3.0	10.7
6.61	Total Systems	66	+1	3.0	5.7	11.7
71.20	Tunstall	445	...	6.0	1.7	17.8
185.80	Unitech	272	-3	6.1	2.8	∞
6.55	Verity	6½	...	...	...	...
35.20	Vistec	29	...	...	1.6	16.6
4,989.80	Vodafone	496	+25	...	1.8	22.5
117.50	Volex	445	+2	17.8	5.1	17.8
3.61	Western Selectn	24	...	...	...	...
35.60	Wholesale Ftgs	251	-3	11.7	6.0	∞

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,079.70	East Midlands	495	-1	...	4.9	9.3
1,382.60	Eastern Elect	510	+9	...	4.7	10.2
1,363.50	Hydro-Elect	356	+½	...	4.1	12.6
1,107.90	London Elect	508	+1	...	4.8	11.3
657.00	Manweb	553	+5	...	4.7	8.0
1,087.30	Midlands Elec	519	...	...	4.8	9.3
4,495.00	National Powr	352	-15	...	3.8	10.5
684.40	Northern Elec	556	+7	...	4.8	8.0
431.30	Nthn Ireland	342	+3½	...	4.8	8.8
944.70	Norweb	547 †	+15	20.0	4.6	8.5
2,998.90	PowerGen	383	-11	...	3.4	10.1
2,730.30	Scottish Power	321	+1	...	4.3	12.2
709.60	Seeboard	357	+2	...	4.5	9.0
578.10	Sth Wales	569	+1	...	4.9	9.5
631.50	Sth Western	513	...	...	4.9	12.3
1,302.70	Southern Elec	516	+6	...	4.7	9.5
1,131.90	Yorkshire Elec	548	+3	...	4.7	10.3

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
30.60	Aitken Hume	50½	...	1.0	2.5	∞
18.10	BWD	101	-2	...	4.0	15.8
27.50	Baltic Plc	91	+2	...	1.4	...
422.50	Caledonia	509	+9	...	3.7	18.9
34.40	Camellia	1375	-25	...	1.1	5.1
85.30	Candover	395	+8	10.2	4.4	20.8
44.60	Flextech	130	+13	...	0.5	...
261.50	Govett	320	+12	...	4.7	10.0
44.40	Ivory Sime	153 †	+7	...	5.3	14.4
2.01	LIT	3½	+½	...	...	...
0.66	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
219.00	Lon Forfaitng	219	+3	8.4	4.9	15.5
13.00	Manakin	64	...	...	...	...
10.10	Nat Home Loan	9½	+2½	...	...	...
18.20	Newmarket	51	+1	...	...	...
56.30	Rathbone Bros	286	-2	6.0	2.6	17.4
55.20	Rutland Tst	21½	-½	...	4.7	12.8
28.70	S & U	268	...	10.0	4.7	∞
138.50	Singer & Fried	72	+5	2.6	4.5	...
250.40	Sothebys	738	-50	...	5.1	...
407.40	SP Capital	150	+4	3.0	2.5	61.9

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10,797.90	Amer Express	2247¼	+28½	...	...	...
195.40	Henderson Ad	913	+23	...	5.8	21.0
386.60	Invesco	158	+5	...	2.4	...
2,059.50	Jardine Strat	218	...	...	3.3	10.7
687.70	MAI	212½	-½	6.0	3.5	15.4
1,145.30	MAM	609	+44	15.0	3.1	15.2
657.10	M & G	875	+33	...	3.1	23.3
145.70	Smith New Crt	289	+34	...	2.6	4.4
42.30	Trio Hldgs	76	...	...	4.9	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,209.10	AB Food	492	+10	14.0	3.6	11.3
1,898.50	ASDA Group	65½	+1½	...	3.1	15.0
92.40	Acatos & Hutch	280	+10	6.3	2.9	16.2
411.30	Albert Fisher	68	+4	3.7	6.9	11.3
3,684.80	Argyll	329	+10	...	4.1	12.1
25.30	Assoc Fisheries	144	+20	...	7.0	2.9
17.70	Banks (S C)	210	-9	9.0	5.4	∞
62.40	Barr (AG)	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
12.50	Bensons Crisps	69	+1	...	5.2	15.5
128.10	Berisford Intl	128	...	...	...	...
888.20	Booker	418	+17	...	6.5	43.0
27.70	Borthwick	48	+1½	...	3.1	59.6
254.00	Brake Bros	501	+2	6.2	1.5	20.9
74.80	Budgen	46 †	+1	1.0	2.7	∞
3,590.90	Cadbury-Schw	482	+13	...	3.4	17.9
7.96	Carrs Milling	117	+10	3.9	4.2	23.4
23.10	Cranswick	171	+2	...	5.8	12.8
4.45	Cullens	17	...	0.5	3.7	48.8
23.10	Dalepak	199	+40	6.0	3.9	∞
1,082.50	Dalgety	475	+27	19.5	5.1	13.8
4.33	Daniels S	52	-2	...	0.6	...
264.60	Devro	196	-2	...	3.5	18.6
25.40	Everest	101	...	...	4.3	14.0
76.30	Farepak	338	...	5.7	2.1	∞
1.93	Farringford	8	+1	...	...	...
68.80	Finlay (James)	69	+1	...	7.5	22.9
279.90	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
277.90	Geest	387	+41	8.1	2.6	17.4
13.90	Global	11½	+½	...	5.4	17.9
17.40	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
444.10	Hazlewood Fds	192	...	...	4.3	10.9
1,032.20	Hillsdown	150	+6	...	7.3	11.8
617.20	Iceland Group	225	+9	...	1.9	20.1
43.60	JLI Group	105	+2	4.6	5.5	∞
1,055.20	Kwik Save	683	+18	16.0	2.9	13.1
94.00	Low (Wm)	176	+1	8.4	6.0	8.5
73.20	Matthews (B)	59	...	2.2	4.8	38.6
14.50	Merchant Retail	16	+1	1.1	9.0	31.2
1,070.40	Morrison (W)	150	+8	...	0.7	19.5
85.30	Nichols (JN)	540	+17	13.6	3.1	15.6
1,527.20	Nthn Foods	267	+2	...	3.9	13.3
4.34	Nrthmbrn Fn	12	-1	...	...	...
266.30	Nurdin Peack	211	+2	...	3.6	12.1
115.10	Park Foods	220 †	...	6.0	3.4	∞
105.50	Perkins Food	86	-4	...	6.4	9.3
45.80	PizzaExpress	85	+3	...	0.7	48.9
8.26	Regina Hlth	6	+1½	...	...	...
8,383.80	Sainsbury J	471	-4	...	2.7	16.5
3.56	Sentry Farm	83	+12	...	2.3	14.0
29.40	Sims Food	99	-15	...	9.5	19.1
1,435.60	Tate & Lyle	401	+7	12.0	3.7	12.6
4,190.10	Tesco	214	+6½	...	4.1	9.9
91.10	Thorntons	143	+1	3.6	5.2	13.3
14.30	Treats	150	...	...	3.0	17.0
902.10	Unigate	387	+23	...	5.2	12.7
1,992.60	Utd Biscuits	381	+7	...	5.0	18.1
16.40	Usborne	35	+3	0.4	2.0	15.4
104.00	Watson & Phil	268	-2	13.3	6.2	14.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.44	Abrdn Stk H	12	...	...	...	...
162.20	City Centre Rest	85	+4	1.5	2.3	20.5
1,854.50	Forte	219	+3	...	4.3	17.2
23.00	Friendly Hotels	198	-4	5.7	3.6	37.7
8.08	Harmony Leis	10½	+½	...	...	...
28.40	Jurys Hotel	107½	+3½	...	6.5	∞
2,270.60	Ladbroke	199	+12	11.1	7.0	17.0
482.20	Mandarin Orntl	71	+3	...	4.4	19.0
439.00	Queens Moat	47¼	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
160.50	-do- 7¼% cnpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
3.60	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
11.10	Ryan Hotels E	17	-½	...	6.4	...
240.20	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
225.00	Stakis	59 †	+3½	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
24.10	AAF Indy	105	+13	...	10.5	6.4
433.00	AAH	492	+3	...	4.4	15.8
23.90	AIM	172 †	+1	7.5	5.5	∞
298.90	APV	101	+3	...	6.7	...
147.20	ASW	220	+8	...	3.4	...
118.80	Adwest	183	+2	7.0	4.8	26.0
9.30	Aerospace Eng	29½	+1½	1.0	...	14.9
58.80	Airsprung	481	...	9.0	2.3	15.4
30.20	Alenda W	49	+4	3.8	3.2	41.2
3.20	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
80.30	Altmusc?	546	+1	11.0	2.5	16.7
23.30	Alvis	60½	+1½	1.0	3.1	8.3
18.60	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
2.46	Amberley Gp	41	...	...	3.1	...
40.90	Anagen	88	...	...	...	...
12.10	Andrews Sykes	85 †	-2	...	6.5	...
276.90	Antofagasta	925	-20	...	2.2	17.1
12.00	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
39.90	Ash & Lacy	153	+2	6.4	5.2	15.6
8.54	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	2.0	∞
134.10	Avon Rubber	508	-2	...	4.1	20.3
27.10	Assoc Nursg	245	...	...	0.5	13.0
67.60	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
5.30	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
703.30	BBA	174	+7	...	5.5	14.6
3.05	BLP Group	46	...	...	...	...
18.80	BM Gp	17	...	5.0	...	0.7
3,332.00	BOC	700	+19	23.2	4.1	15.4
187.00	BSG	72	+3	...	5.6	25.1
113.70	BSS Group	439	+15	...	4.9	26.3
13,605.30	BTR	403	+24½	...	3.3	23.0
81.10	BWI	170	+13	6.7	4.9	16.4
233.90	Babcock	43½	+2½	...	6.0	26.0
3.30	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
294.80	Baird (Wm)	262	+14	8.9	4.2	18.2
1,227.20	Barlow Rand	625	-62½	...	5.5	3.5
85.60	Baynes (Charles)	62	+1	...	2.9	25.4
6.18	Beaufort	7½	...	...	...	...
6.18	Beckenham	7	+1	...	...	...
1.28	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
21.50	Benson Group	16½	...	0.1	0.8	15.2
129.20	Bespak	513	+1	10.0	2.4	∞
147.00	Bibby (J)	94	+1	9.7	...	5.5
4.15	Billam (J)	256	...	5.0	2.4	12.9
2.70	Bilston Batters	32	...	...	...	...
5.52	Birmec Ind	5	...	0.6	...	...
34.80	Birkby	160	+11	3.5	2.8	15.3
9.15	Black Arrow	37	-2	2.6	9.2	∞
6.09	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
96.10	Black (Peter)	176	+3	2.9	2.1	18.1
22.10	Bluebird Toys	285	+2	...	2.0	17.8
160.10	Bodycote	279	+1	...	2.2	17.8
1.36	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.3	1.6	∞
5,055.10	Boots	487	+38	...	3.4	18.1
1.88	Booth Inds	47	...	0.7	1.9	...
2,340.60	Bowater	470	-1	11.5	3.1	18.6
485.20	Bowater Inc	1339 †	-35	...	...	...
54.40	Boxmore Intl	245	+2	...	1.9	18.3
11.30	Brasway	14½	+½	0.5	4.5	∞
119.10	Brammer	279	+18	13.0	5.8	20.8
5.87	Bridgend Gp	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
59.50	Bridon	105	+2	...	4.8	74.4
3.01	Bridport-Gndy	80	...	4.1	6.4	15.0
1,113.70	Brierley Inv	39½	-½	...	8.0	9.7
28.00	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
2.05	Br Bloodstock	54	+1	...	...	...
149.00	Br Polythene	500	-7	...	2.5	17.9
2,260.00	Br Steel	113	-1	...	1.1	...
37.30	Br Syphon	110 †	...	...	3.4	20.8
14.60	Br Thornton	14½	+1	...	2.2	...
538.10	Br Vita	251	+7	7.1	3.6	15.4
78.40	Britton Grp	15½ †	+2½	...	1.5	...
11,216.00	Broken Hill	677	-10	...	2.7	32.1
68.00	Bromsgrve Ind	99	...	...	5.6	12.9
3.17	Brooke Tool	8½	...	...	...	...
16.50	Brown & Tawse	52	...	...	...	...
153.50	Bullough	128 †	+13	6.0	5.9	21.9
2.70	Business Tech	13	-1	...	...	...
20.80	CI Group	24	+3	1.0	5.2	23.1
1.88	Campbll & Arm	13	+1½	...	...	...
31.00	Cannon St	30	+2½	...	...	...
129.00	Cape	243	+2	...	5.4	16.4
145.40	Cardo Eng	242	...	8.6	4.4	17.2
2,056.40	Carnaud MB	2550	+50	...	2.5	∞
3.78	Cassidy Bros	70 †	+½	...	4.3	11.4
41.60	Castings	198	+1	4.3	2.7	14.0
10.20	Chambrlin Hill	140	+5	6.2	5.6	8.7
734.60	Charter Cons	693 †	+36	...	4.0	16.3
57.50	Chemring	295	+10	...	3.5	17.8
4.12	Chieftain Gp	47½	-1½	5.1	...	9.9
9.95	Chillington	35	+5	0.2	0.9	...
292.60	Christies Intl	183	-1	...	1.0	...
10.30	Clayhithe	60 †	+3	...	5.2	...
1.86	Clayton Son	85	...	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers	7 #	...	0.2	...	...
6.03	Cohen (A)	325	-10	6.8	2.6	...
62.90	Community H	193	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
113.60	Concentric	210	...	...	3.3	17.7
43.60	Cook (Wm)	199	-1	5.0	3.2	11.8
1,214.80	Cookson	217	+½	...	3.5	28.7
6.62	Copymore	61	...	...	2.0	18.6
61.00	Crown Plr 'A'	151	+19	5.7	4.7	12.9
13.00	Cussei?	113	-2	10.7	...	17.2
7.88	Creighton Nt	172	...	...	5.3	16.7
35.00	CrestaCare	42	...	0.3	1.3	36.3
1,701.90	Dana	3706¼	+9½	...	...	...
367.40	Danka Bs Sys	224	...	...	0.6	21.3
132.70	David Brown	231	-11	...	3.2	16.4
1.14	Davies (DT)	18	...	...	...	...
1,319.00	De La Rue	687	+6	...	3.1	18.2
3.44	Dinkie Heel	26	+2	0.9	4.4	20.7
297.40	Diploma	534	+15	9.7	2.3	27.8
88.10	Dobson Park	72	+1	5.7	...	13.0
1.83	Dyson (J&J)	111 †	...	5.0	5.6	∞
9.04	-do- 'A'	75 †	...	5.0	8.3	∞
5.86	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
172.40	EIS	391	...	...	3.9	15.5
2.92	Eldrel?	23	-2	...	...	...
7.25	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
1,620.60	Electrolux 'B'	2275	+209½	...	2.4	...
14.70	Elliott (B)	60	...	...	...	...
1,371.80	Eng China Cl	455	+9	...	5.5	25.0
5,536.30	Ericsson 'B'	2990	-46½	...	1.0	...
21.80	Eurocopy	45	...	1.6	...	17.5
48.00	Expamet	76	+6	...	5.3	1.8
250.70	Fairey Group	674	+5	10.2	1.9	20.8
34.90	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
5.57	Ferraris Group	57	...	...	2.2	13.4
2.04	Ferrometer?	1	...	...	...	...
7.81	Fenrum?	34	-1	2.5	13.0	16.8
4.73	File Indmar?	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
1,188.70	Fisons	172	+1½	...	6.3	19.9
50.50	Fitzwilton	43	...	...	11.8	...
70.40	Flogas	288	+48	...	3.5	11.9
11.70	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.9	21.6
8.38	French (Thomas)	70	...	3.6	6.5	35.1
125.60	Frost Group	214	+4	4.0	2.4	9.0
27.20	GEI Int	74	...	...	8.3	...
1,311.90	GKN	499	+5	...	5.2	32.8
6.06	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
3.58	Garton Eng	94	+2	4.0	5.3	...
234.60	Gestetner	126	+11	8.2	8.1	5.5
4.09	Gleeves	30	...	...	...	...
16,094.00	Glaxo	529	-18½	17.0	4.0	14.6
7.83	Glenchewton	30	-3	...	...	...
636.50	Glynwed	309	-4	11.6	4.8	28.7
58.20	Goode Durrant	110	+12	...	6.3	...
87.80	Grampian Hd	122	-1	3.5	5.4	22.1
1,918.80	Granada	410	+14	7.7	2.3	21.8
46.50	Great Sthrn	394	...	...	3.5	16.2
7.24	Green (Brist)	90	...	...	9.7	12.4
23.80	Greenacre	13½	...	...	2.5	13.6
2.09	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
46.50	Haden MacLn	53	-½	...	4.7	19.1
5.65	Hadleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	...
66.60	Hall Eng	228	+11	8.6	4.7	19.0
392.80	Halma	287	+5	...	1.2	26.9
23.80	Hampson Ind	39	+2	1.6	5.1	∞
11,840.90	Hanson	245	+8½	...	5.8	12.5
23.20	Harris (Phillip)	208	...	...	4.1	12.6
1,334.80	Harrisn Crsfld	192	+3	9.0	6.0	27.2
17.60	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
6.15	Hay (Norman)	41	+1	...	...	...
4.35	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
3.99	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
803.40	Hepworth	390	+7	14.8	4.8	16.8
11.90	Hewitt (J)	230	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
1.79	High-Point	35	+2	1.3	...	...
46.80	Hill & Smith	157 †	+6	...	4.5	21.8
7.30	Hobson	9	...	...	...	...
4.49	Holders Tech	144	+1	...	5.3	18.5
36.70	Hopkinsons	47	-1	1.3	3.5	19.4
11.80	Hornby	145	-1	...	7.8	13.7
232.50	Howden	83	+4	2.2	3.4	∞
235.40	Hunting	245	...	...	5.1	20.7
110.50	Hunting Tech	425	+2	...	2.9	10.8
970.30	IMI	299	+8	...	4.2	25.5
42.70	ISA Intl	105	-1	1.5	1.8	16.3
40.30	Intercare Gp	158	...	...	2.1	16.7
30.00	Isoron?	242	-1	3.9	2.0	15.5
3,630.60	Jardine Math	514	+40	...	3.3	19.9
922.40	Johnson Matth	487	+11	...	2.6	21.3
67.40	Johnson & FB	48	...	3.0	7.8	14.8
16.10	Johnston	134	...	3.2	2.8	...
3.65	Jones Stiplmn	30	+8	...	...	...
3.49	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
13.20	Kalamazoo	71½	+½	2.1	3.7	16.6
209.90	Kalon	158½	+6	...	2.5	22.0
7.99	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
182.50	Kershaw (A)	525	...	27.0	6.4	27.2
27.40	Kleeneze	198	+44	...	...	...
6.27	LGW	141	-2	3.0	2.7	11.7
394.30	Laird	337	+8	...	3.9	16.6
28.50	Lilleshall	155	+4	4.2	3.4	19.1
10.30	Lincat	150	+5	...	4.3	12.9
2.82	Lincoln Hsea	17½	...	...	...	14.4
13.80	Linread	115	...	3.7	4.1	17.8
29.30	Linton Park	218	+18	...	8.0	7.9
25.00	Lionheart	12½	-½	0.2	2.0	...
6.30	Locker (T) A	21	-1	1.0	6.0	30.5
334.90	Lon Intl	199	+3	9.4	5.9	...
973.20	Lonrho	127 †	-3½	...	3.9	...
362.10	Low & Bonar	371	+6	...	3.1	51.6
1,363.20	MB-Caradon	297	+4	...	3.6	23.0
261.90	-do- pf	145½	+½	7.2	6.2	...
45.10	ML Hldgs	30	+1½	...	...	...
10.00	MS Intl	37 †	-½	...	8.4	38.1
18.30	MY Holdings	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
157.20	Macfarlane	208	+11	...	1.9	23.6
404.90	McKechnie	442	+13	14.7	4.2	21.9
58.70	McLeod Russel	97	+2	6.0	7.7	11.8
22.30	Maddox	5	+1½	...	...	27.3
4.88	Magnolia	85	...	0.1	0.1	13.7
15.20	Mang Bronze	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
38.10	Marling	21½	-½	...	3.8	∞
36.60	Mayborn	184	+8	...	3.4	15.3
109.00	Mayflower	55	...	...	2.8	45.9
316.60	Medeva	116	+16½	...	2.4	9.4
241.60	Meggitt	112	+3½	...	4.2	19.1
97.90	Metalrax	120	+8	...	3.8	19.4
11.70	Metsec	76	...	...	...	...
36.90	Midstates	76	+3	...	1.2	10.6
7.86	Mining & Ald	24½	...	0.5	2.6	...
139.50	Molins	450	-4	...	3.9	11.7
693.80	Morgan Cble	320	+21	...	4.9	17.1
14.90	Morris Ashby	182	+2	...	3.7	13.8
6.50	Neepsend	27	...	0.7	3.5	...
42.60	Nestor-BNA	57	-1	3.1	6.9	13.6
20.30	Nobo Gp	183 †	+1½	4.8	3.3	∞
300.50	Norcros	172	+15½	...	5.1	25.1
28.40	Novo Group	45	-1	...	3.7	14.1
145.90	Nu-Swift	330	...	...	...	∞
3.31	Office Elec Mac	54	+4	0.1	0.2	...
12.90	Old Intl?	29 †	+½	1.7	7.5	...
9.78	PCT	128	+3	...	7.1	14.5
1.69	Pacer Systems	36	...	...	10.6	...
410.70	Pentland	114	+10	...	2.7	15.5
228.70	Photo-Me	385	+10	4.4	1.4	19.6
1,140.10	Pilkington	145	+2	...	3.4	...
51.90	Plantbrook	70	...	3.0	5.4	11.0
200.70	Polypipe	128½	+1½	1.9	1.9	18.6
33.90	Porter Chadbrn	36 †	+2½	...	4.3	16.5
1.73	Porth Gp	9	+½	...	...	...
312.90	Powerscreen	363	+20	...	2.3	18.9
31.20	Prospect Inds	17¼	+½	0.7	5.3	8.9
5.98	RPS Group	50	-1	2.2	5.6	10.8
1.02	Radiant Metal	75	...	...	...	...
21.60	Ramco Oil	123	+7	...	1.0	41.2
2,317.50	Rank Org	750	+22	31.0	5.2	20.5
13.00	Ransomes	23	-1	...	...	...
2,212.50	Reckitt Colm	590	+24	...	3.4	21.4
24.30	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
8.37	Reece	6½	+2	...	...	...
39.50	Relyon	188	+2	4.9	3.3	22.6
134.20	Renishaw	255	+2	6.5	3.2	19.5
35.30	Renold	84	+1	...	1.5	...
6,754.00	Reuters	1535 †	-49	21.2	1.7	25.4
6.76	Rexmore	38½	+1	1.7	5.7	9.5
43.60	Ricardo Group	138	+16	5.7	5.2	38.8
5.53	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
19.20	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.0	19.2
7.72	Ropner	118	+1	8.2	8.7	16.7
17.80	-do- 'A'	114	+1	8.2	9.0	16.2
29.70	Ross Gp	26	...	0.6	3.1	10.6
157.10	Rotork	181	+15	...	2.6	21.0
17.40	Rubicon	155 †	...	...	3.3	∞
14.10	Russell (A)	60	...	...	2.1	...
15.40	SEP Intl	25	...	...	3.8	22.6
689.50	SKF 'B'	987½	+75	...	...	...
47.00	Saville Grdn (J)	47	...	2.2	6.1	∞
531.20	Scapa	227	+16	...	3.1	17.3
142.50	Scholl	212	+3	...	3.7	15.4
1.79	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
41.10	Securicor	990 †	+10½	2.6	0.3	37.7
542.00	-do- 'A'	670 †	+11½	2.6	0.5	25.5
624.80	Security Serv	570 †	+23½	5.0	1.1	28.2
273.80	Senior Eng	114	+1	...	3.5	19.0
86.10	Seton Health	290	+1	...	2.5	17.1
3.36	Sheldon Jones	65	...	...	...	...
7.28	Shiloh	126	-2	2.9	2.9	13.6
161.40	Sidlaw	295 †	-6	...	4.2	18.9
2,110.70	Siebe	544	+26	...	2.3	20.0
162.80	Silentnight	345	+13	...	2.9	20.3
1,868.70	Sime Darby	118	+4	...	3.5	14.5
51.30	Simon Eng	51	+4	5.0	12.3	11.7
42.50	Sinclair (Wm)	195	...	7.0	4.5	12.6
19.90	Six Hundred	37	...	...	3.9	...
1,519.30	Smith & Neph	147½	...	...	3.9	19.8
6,137.80	SmithKline	449	+4	8.6	2.4	16.1
5,200.70	SmithKline Uts	397	+4½	...	3.4	14.2
1,126.80	Smiths Ind	379	+5	11.2	3.7	15.5
57.00	Stirn Bus	59	-6	3.3	7.2	5.6
42.20	Spandex	393	...	...	2.1	17.5
28.90	Spear (JW)	550	+40	4.0	3.2	10.1
263.10	Spirax-Sarco	347½	+2½	...	1.3	22.0
259.00	Spring Ram	69	+15	...	0.6	18.9
273.60	Staveley	240	+1	...	4.4	13.6
41.40	Sterling Ind	148	...	...	4.7	22.7
137.00	Stonehill	24½	+1	...	...	...
191.80	Suter	176	+7	8.8	6.2	18.4
	Swire Pacific 'A'	342	+14	...	2.6	∞
5.52	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
5.83	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
22.40	Syltone	275	+3	...	4.3	18.3
1,661.30	TI	358	+5	...	3.8	24.2
3.61	TLS Range	16	...	...	2.0	...
230.50	TT Group	287	+1	6.6	3.0	17.1
212.80	Tallent?	238	-4	1.8	0.9	19.8
7,206.40	Takeda Chem	824	-29	...	0.5	21.9
3.65	Tex Hldgs	55	...	...	8.3	...
6.85	Tinsley (E)	94 †	+½	...	7.2	...
24.00	Tinton?	213	...	...	2.1	18.5
2,687.20	Tomkins	241 †	+15½	...	3.3	21.8
1,107.40	Trafalgar H	104	+1	...	3.9	7.6
100.30	Transfer Tech	525	...	16.0	3.8	13.2
111.60	Triplex Lloyd	173 †	-2½	7.0	5.1	∞
306.90	UniChem	220	+2	5.6	3.2	14.4
66.90	Unidare	348	+3	...	6.2	10.4
20.10	Unigroup	62	-2	...	...	...
7,776.00	Unilever	960	-22	21.3	2.8	13.1
10,361.30	Unilever (NV)	6450	+84½	...	3.4	10.2
327.40	VSEL	880	+25	...	4.1	9.4
12.50	Vesson?	9	...	...	...	...
509.20	Vickers	155	-6	...	1.2	...
123.60	Victaulic	281	+26	...	3.3	13.9
173.40	Vinten	425	+15	...	2.1	19.8
201.50	Vosper Thcrny	462	+8	...	3.0	15.8
4.77	WSP Hldgs	45	-1	...	8.1	11.7
179.00	Wagon Ind	404	-17	...	5.5	17.3
80.40	Walker Greenbk	84	+3	3.1	4.6	21.4
373.90	Wassall	245	+7	2.5	1.3	24.7
295.20	Wtrford Wdgwd	36	+2	...	...	...
577.70	Weir	372	+6	...	2.0	21.0
5,847.40	Wellcome	876	-11	13.0	2.4	18.7
6.43	Wellman	20	+½	0.9	5.6	32.6
155.00	West Hthcare?	304	+7	...	1.5	19.5
113.50	Whatman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
88.80	Whessoe	305	...	...	3.3	11.8
28.00	Whitecroft	64	+2	...	...	...
4.26	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
15.50	Wilkes (James)	88	-1	3.5	5.0	25.2
1,616.80	Williams Hldg	312	-½	12.5	4.7	17.4
27.10	Wilshaw	33½	+½	...	1.9	20.9
1,593.60	Wolseley	640	+17	12.5	2.5	22.2
2.50	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
13.10	Wyko	40	...	...	3.2	...
9.28	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
635.10	Alex & Alex	1662½	-87½	...	3.8	...
4,484.10	Am Gen	2075 †	-12½	...	3.3	...
11.40	Archer (AJ)	45	-4	4.4	...	21.9
76.40	Bradstock	143	+3	5.1	4.3	17.3
836.80	Britannic	443	+18	...	3.2	...
3,506.60	Com Union	653	+22	...	4.7	...
105.90	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
70.40	FAI	29	-1	...	...	...
3,098.40	Gen Accident	687	+21	26.7	4.9	...
1,786.00	GRE	206	+1	7.0	4.2	17.1
251.90	Heath C E	390	+25	...	5.1	...
140.40	Hogg Gp	219	+5	8.1	4.7	19.8
233.60	JIB Group	212	-2	7.5	4.4	21.5
2,420.50	Legal & Gen	496	-28	...	4.8	30.1
2,282.30	Liberty Life	996	-94	...	2.9	17.3
2,899.50	Lloyds Abbey	431 †	+19½	12.3	5.0	15.5
12.50	Lloyd Thomp	331	+2	5.6	2.1	24.4
414.90	Londn & Man	346	+11	14.2	5.1	29.5
119.40	Lowndes Lmb	425	+2	13.5	4.1	14.9
4,336.30	Marsh McLn	5912½	+25	...	2.9	...
13.10	Oriel	92	...	...	6.8	...
20.70	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
6,160.70	Prudential	327	+11	...	4.5	21.7
496.00	Refuge	965	+20	31.5	4.1	26.7
2,219.60	Royal	342	+10	...	2.4	...
886.40	Sedgwick	207	+4	6.0	3.6	24.9
117.50	Steel Burrill	251	+12	...	6.6	14.8
31.90	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.4
3,123.40	Sun Alliance	388	-2	14.2	4.6	...
100.50	Trade Indemnty	55	-1	...	...	...
940.00	Transatlantic	321	+1	12.0	4.2	29.8
519.20	Utd Friendly	634	-4	14.5	2.9	27.6
980.40	Willis Corroon	235	+3	...	3.5	50.5
5.24	Windsor	19	+1	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
886.50	Alliance	1759	+49	45.0	3.2	38.5
218.70	Amer Trust	262½	...	4.9	2.3	54.5
439.70	Ang & O'seas	385	+9	6.8	2.2	48.7
68.20	BZW Conv	135	+3	7.8	7.2	15.8
220.30	Bankers	174½	+5	3.4	2.5	48.0
151.30	Baring Tribne	295 †	+8½	6.4	2.7	46.6
9.42	Berry Starq	181	+2	2.2	1.5	58.8
405.10	Br Assets	105½	-1	...	5.1	25.8
101.70	Br Empire Sec	76½	+1	0.8	1.5	77.6
3.52	-do- Wrnts	29½	+1½	...	...	...
584.70	Br Inv	181	+1	4.5	3.1	40.8
38.00	Contl Asset	175	+2	2.4	1.7	58.2
17.00	Derby Inc	144 †	-1½	...	12.4	8.7
41.10	-do- Cap	266	+3	...	...	...
8.59	Drayton Blue	68	+3	8.4	15.4	7.6
29.80	-do- Eng Intl	72	+2	1.2	2.1	...
151.40	-do- Far East	131 †	+4	0.6	0.6	...
26.50	-do- Korea	115	-2	0.5	0.6	...
197.80	Dunedin Inc G	624	+10	25.4	5.1	28.7
38.60	-do- Japan	97	+3	...	...	...
4.00	-do- Warrants	50	+2	...	...	...
220.40	-do- Wwde	658	+23	9.5	1.8	67.8
48.40	Dundee & Lon	276	+3	...	4.1	25.5
852.00	Edinburgh	290	+9	8.4	3.6	31.7
461.00	Electra Inv	269½	+7½	6.7	3.1	36.3
161.80	Electric Gen	179	+5	3.1	2.2	∞
1.66	English Scot	110	+8	...	...	...
71.10	European Asset	285 †	+11½	...	2.6	34.7
27.00	Finsbury 'A'	112½	+4½	3.0	3.3	36.2
190.00	Fleming Amer	287	+2	0.7	0.3	...
113.00	-do- Claver	212	+2	...	3.3	41.8
193.90	-do- Cont	297	+12	2.7	1.1	...
78.80	-do- Entp	192	+7	4.7	3.1	∞
455.10	-do- F East	301	+7	1.1	0.5	...
37.90	-do- Fledg	301	+1	3.0	1.2	...
28.30	-do- Fl Inc	99	+4	...	5.6	16.0
281.30	-do- Japan	244	+1	0.3	0.2	...
390.10	-do- Merc	270	+5	6.7	3.1	57.8
382.50	-do- Oseas	273	+10	4.0	1.8	68.2
1,255.40	Foreign & Col	249½	+6½	3.3	1.7	67.1
122.70	-do- Eurotst	208	+½	1.2	0.7	...
44.00	-do- German	112	+2	0.5	0.6	...
313.10	-do- Pacific	294	+8	1.9	0.8	...
137.80	-do- Smaller	154½	+1½	1.8	1.5	78.1
156.60	GT Japan	251	+6	...	0.6	...
25.30	Genl Cons Cap	140	+10	...	...	...
41.60	-do- Inc	115	+2	...	9.5	11.5
33.70	Govett Am Smlr	135	-1	...	...	...
524.70	-do- Oriental	292	+11	0.9	0.4	...
259.20	-do- Strategy	264	+9	...	3.2	36.4
44.20	Greenfriar	384 †	+4	...	2.1	57.7
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
48.40	Independent Inv	52 †	-½	0.6	1.4	∞
331.50	Inv Cap	134 †	+1½	5.1	4.8	26.0
27.30	IRS UK Smllr	91	...	2.8	3.7	26.2
155.50	Kleinwort Chrt	142	+7	5.0	3.3	37.4
179.60	-do- O'seas	226	+4	3.3	1.8	63.6
17.10	-do- Smlr	122	+½	4.0	4.1	29.6
148.50	Law Debenture	654	+40	18.2	3.5	32.4
99.20	Majedie	199	+2	...	3.1	36.6
268.00	Merchants	252	+8	10.6	5.1	24.3
5,966.80	Merrill Lynch	5806¼	-118½	...	...	...
358.50	Monks Inv Tst	462	+8	...	1.8	58.6
31.50	Morg Gren Inc	128	+1	...	4.5	25.4
1.85	Do Warrants	38	...	...	...	...
15.00	Murray Euro	50	+3	0.1	0.4	...
0.90	Do Wts	15	-3	...	...	...
280.70	Murray Income	335	+4	...	4.0	31.9
377.40	-do- Intl	314	+3	11.4	4.5	28.3
197.50	-do- Small	352 †	+12	4.2	1.5	∞
5.71	-do- S/C Inc	93 †	-1½	...	14.2	9.1
4.68	-do- S/C Cap	119	+13	...	...	...
1.53	-do- S/C Uts	2950 †	...	...	4.5	...
8.98	-do- S/C DP	150	-3	...	...	...
69.70	-do- Vent	282	+3	...	4.6	22.2
85.00	New Frontier	85	+2	0.2	0.4	...
30.10	Nwthrog Inc	77	...	6.7	11.0	14.6
123.40	O'seas Inv Tst	324	+9	2.8	1.1	...
79.40	Pacific Assets	401	+14	1.1	0.3	...
11.70	Do Warrants	304½	+12½	...	...	...
12.50	Personal Assets	8250	+50	...	2.4	49.3
276.40	RIT Cap Ptnr	154	+4	1.1	0.9	...
24.70	River & Merc	123	+7	9.2	9.5	12.0
	Robeco	403	+2	...	3.3	...
	Rolinco	403	+2	...	2.0	...
92.20	St Andrew Inv	268	+5	7.5	3.5	35.9
333.20	Scot American	149	+3	...	3.9	31.3
44.70	Scot Asian	213	+13	...	...	...
3.38	do Warrants	483	+39	...	...	...
481.50	-do- Eastern	76	+1½	1.5	2.5	49.9
539.30	Scottish	212	+3	4.6	2.7	44.0
748.50	-do- Mtge	207½	+6½	4.0	2.4	53.6
42.90	-do- Value	89½	+1	...	2.5	63.7
296.80	Second Allnce	1546	+41	36.5	3.0	41.5
273.90	Secs Tst of Scot	85½	...	3.2	4.8	28.3
43.10	Selective Asset	149	+3	1.2	1.0	53.6
35.80	Sphere Inv	29½	+1½	3.1	13.5	9.3
69.80	TR Far East	150	+11	4.5	3.9	32.6
280.10	TR City Of Lon	146½	+2	4.8	4.1	∞
102.30	TR Pacific	152½	+8½	0.3	0.3	...
92.50	TR Property	29	+2	0.9	3.9	30.4
34.80	TR Tech Inv	79	+7	1.7	2.8	29.3
322.50	TR Smlr Cos	181 †	+9½	3.8	2.6	∞
194.20	Temple Bar	339	+15	13.2	5.0	25.2
90.00	Thmtn Asian E	99	+2	0.5	0.7	...
218.70	Throgmorton	72 †	-1	2.3	4.0	29.4
18.70	Thrpg Dual Cp	533	+20	...	...	...
78.70	USDC Invest	215	+3	4.5	2.6	39.6
47.50	Value Inc Tst	112	+4½	3.6	4.0	28.2
395.00	Whitbread Inv	626	+12	16.5	3.3	37.7
780.60	Witan	208 †	+6½	5.6	3.4	36.4

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
348.20	Airtours	379	+15	7.2	2.4	13.4
39.60	Ald Leis	62	...	4.7	...	17.8
147.90	Anglia TV	333	-1	...	3.5	15.4
14.00	Baldwin	77	+14	3.0	4.9	10.5
22.70	Barr & W 'A'	229	...	10.0	5.5	14.8
46.60	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
13.90	Border TV	136	...	...	3.1	∞
15.30	Brent Walker	5½	-1	...	...	...
2.96	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
6.53	Buckingham Int	5½	+½	...	...	...
14.20	Campari	137	-1	...	10.9	...
142.20	Capital Radio	200	+1	5.2	3.3	23.1
1,520.40	Carlton Comm	764	+24	17.0	2.8	22.5
11.00	Castle Comms	176	...	...	6.0	16.1
530.70	Central TV	1973	...	38.0	2.4	21.5
18.00	Chrysalis	68	-1	...	...	...
475.80	Compass Gp	531	+26	...	3.1	15.9
55.20	Eurocamp	210	+28	9.7	5.8	8.7
1,169.60	Euro Disney	688	-35	...	1.8	...
6.36	Euro Leisure	3½	-1	...	...	...
22.90	Ex-Lands	33	-2	...	...	...
9.31	Fairline Boats	266	-1	10.5	4.9	...
537.60	First Leisure	330	+15	6.1	2.3	22.7
15.50	GWR Gp	505	...	...	1.7	36.0
32.10	Grampian	228	-3	6.1	3.3	15.8
0.98	Greenwich Com	14	+6½	...	...	...
36.00	HTV Group	52	+½	...	...	23.1
22.30	Hi-Tec Sports	48	-2	...	3.2	...
26.50	Kunick	11	+1½	...	...	...
418.10	LWT CP	472	-3	...	1.3	21.8
53.10	Man Utd	435	...	18.0	5.2	15.0
107.60	Owners Abrd	66	+4	3.5	6.8	5.2
25.40	The Pelican Gp	83 †	+2	...	2.2	∞
11.30	Prism Leisure	140	-18	...	2.9	∞
6.78	Quadrant Grp	29	+1	...	...	...
26.60	Radio Clyde	295	...	...	3.6	23.1
9.96	Ramsdens (H)	166 †	-2	...	3.4	22.0
250.10	Scot TV	521	...	9.9	2.4	25.6
10.80	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
110.60	Stanley Leisure	248	+5	4.3	2.2	∞
8.28	Sunleigh	9	...	...	...	...
6.86	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
642.30	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
19.00	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
16.00	Tottenhm Hot	100	-1	...	...	3.2
21.90	Trans World	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
49.00	Ulster TV	475	...	10.0	2.6	14.6
70.70	Vardon	97	+1	0.7	1.0	22.9
37.30	Wembley	14½	+1	0.2	1.7	...
10.40	Whitegate	36	+2	...	...	...
99.80	Yorkshire TV	198	-5	12.0	7.6	6.0
7.87	Zetters Gp	120	+4	8.0	8.6	∞

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,189.30	Am Gold	4925	-799½	...	4.2	23.7
362.10	Ang Am Coal	1437½	-81½	...	6.5	7.2
4,874.10	Ang Am	2100	-193½	...	3.3	17.3
22.90	Anglo Pac Res	29½	+2	...	...	...
29.80	Blyvoors	124	-1	...	4.9	6.8
4.06	Bracken	29	-7	...	...	1.5
72.30	Buffels	657	-162	...	10.0	∞
5.30	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
3,874.40	CRA	653	+6	...	3.2	21.0
24.30	Cliff Res	33½	-6	...	...	...
4,657.50	De Beers	1225	-68½	...	3.9	16.5
126.40	Deelkraal	123	-35	...	1.6	∞
21.60	Doornfontein	54	-31	...	...	...
1,480.60	Driefontein	716	-174	...	4.3	∞
13.20	Durban	569	-73	...	...	...
62.00	E Rand Gold	135	-41	...	8.6	3.8
36.30	E Rand Prop	218	-44	...	...	...
434.50	Elandsrand	448	-156	...	2.7	10.4
847.80	FS Cons	733	-179	...	7.1	8.6
14.40	FS Dev	65	...	...	...	...
1,397.90	GFSA	1450	-137	...	2.8	22.8
2,091.70	Gencor	152	-27	...	6.5	11.8
265.20	GM Kalgoorli	53	-9½	...	2.6	13.0
11.50	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	-3½	...	...	...
14.50	Grootvlei	127	-42	...	8.2	7.5
85.50	Harmony	318	-37	...	...	...
333.80	Hartles	298	-127	...	6.6	∞
26.80	Incoa	13	...	...	...	...
599.60	Impala Plat	964	+20	...	...	21.8
8.51	Kenmare Res	8½	-½	...	...	...
162.70	Kinross	904	-108	...	5.6	9.9
986.80	Kloof	712	-157	...	3.1	∞
16.30	Leslie	102	-25	...	4.1	10.2
29.60	Loraine	181	-25	...	...	...
133.10	Lydenburg	840	-40	...	...	24.1
1,469.60	MIM	105	+8½	...	2.2	47.9
1,867.30	Minorco	1090	-175	...	3.4	12.9
846.60	Nth Brkn Hill	133	+2	...	3.7	20.5
416.50	Orange Free	1850	-428½	...	7.1	14.1
6,993.40	RTZ	677	+5	...	3.8	25.4
90.40	Rand Mines	606½	-31½	...	9.7	2.7
332.60	Randfontein	544	-123	...	5.5	∞
330.10	Renison	166	-11	...	2.7	16.1
1,347.20	Rustnbrg	1075	-37½	...	3.1	∞
49.20	St Helena	511	-84	...	4.8	10.3
485.40	Southvaal	1867	-233	...	3.1	32.3
12.30	Stilfontein	94	-14	...	6.7	16.3
35.30	Unisel	126	-21	...	2.5	12.2
6,253.50	Vaal Reefs	5250	-625	...	4.2	9.0
170.00	Welkom	481	-101	...	7.0	14.2
110.80	Western Areas	275	-76	...	2.6	∞
599.30	Western Deep	2162½	-350	...	2.9	9.9
2,523.60	Wstrn Mining	263	-15	...	...	...
101.90	Winkels	837	-176	...	1.2	6.8
73.50	Zambia Copper	60	-2	...	...	...
82.00	Zandpan	63	-2	...	4.9	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.46	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
10.70	Airflow Stream	125	...	3.0	3.0	12.0
66.60	Appleyard	141	+8	5.2	4.6	...
13.00	Bletchley Mtr	285	+10	...	3.9	14.6
23.80	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
1,644.30	Br Aerospace	435	+20	7.0	2.0	...
55.20	Burndene	49 †	+1	...	3.0	13.0
11.40	Caffyns	343	+15	11.5	4.2	69.4
14.60	Coverdale	10½	+½	...	...	...
17.80	Central Mtr	133	...	...	3.8	33.6
11.50	Cook (DC)	27	-2	...	2.8	∞
361.70	Cowie (T)	256	+1	6.2	3.1	19.3
21.30	Dag Motors	118	+10	5.7	6.1	21.3
27.80	Davport Vern	142	+3	...	3.6	17.9
27.90	ERF	255	+3	2.0	0.9	...
48.40	European Mtr	129 †	...	3.5	3.4	∞
72.90	Evans Halshaw	339	+8	11.2	4.1	52.2
195.20	FR Group	261	-2	...	3.4	12.2
17,145.10	Ford Motor	3312½	-75	...	...	...
22,980.70	General Mtr	3237½	+37½	...	1.6	...
5.71	Gowrings	63	...	2.0	4.0	...
75.80	Henlys	190	+11	3.0	2.0	...
8,579.10	Honda Motor	876	-12	...	0.6	...
3.03	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
7.88	Jessups	93	+1	4.5	6.0	...
279.90	Kwik-Fit	163	+16	...	2.6	29.1
316.80	Lex Service	400	-7	...	3.4	21.6
30.30	Lookers	158	+3	6.2	5.0	...
1,048.30	Lucas	148	+1	7.0	5.9	...
20.40	Malaya Grp	25	...	...	...	...
100.70	Pendragon	261	+2	...	3.2	21.1
35.90	Perry Gp	191	+8	6.0	3.9	...
40.30	Quicks Group	176	+6	...	3.2	22.5
1,427.10	Rolls-Royce	147	+7½	...	4.3	...
980.30	T & N	208	+5	...	6.5	33.3
98.20	Trinity Hldgs	191	-1	...	3.6	∞
70.50	Vardy (Reg)	156	+1	4.2	3.4	∞
217.10	Westland	228	-1	4.2	2.3	20.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
21.20	Adscene	143	+2	4.0	3.5	15.2
5.16	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
429.20	Blenheim Gp	465	-15	...	2.4	17.3
55.40	Bristol	340	+5	...	4.3	30.7
471.30	Daily Mail	9425	...	13.0	1.7	21.2
470.00	Daily Mail 'A'	9400	...	13.0	1.7	21.2
176.20	Dorling Kind	286	...	...	1.3	27.3
588.20	EMAP	330	...	...	2.9	20.9
213.00	Euromoney Pb	1058	+5	29.5	3.5	23.8
19.90	Harrington K	208	-3	4.5	2.7	17.0
39.20	Haynes Pub	383	...	6.0	2.0	16.5
118.70	Hodder H'line	344	-1	5.0	1.6	29.3
14.00	Home Counts	140	+36	6.0	5.4	...
21.10	Intl Bus Comm	139	+10	...	...	20.1
5.52	Int Cm & Data	8	...	...	...	...
228.90	Independent	365	+5	...	3.5	16.4
169.70	Johnstone Press	551	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
28.10	Metal Bulletin	288	+4	8.0	3.5	20.3
629.30	Mirror Gp.	157	+2	...	...	...
7,026.50	News Corp	394	+1	...	0.3	26.5
1,685.10	News Intl	244	+18	...	0.5	16.9
2,570.10	Pearson	469	+1	...	3.2	28.6
74.90	Portsmth Sund	624	...	...	1.9	17.2
3,467.70	Reed Intl	652	-3	...	3.3	28.1
21.50	Southnews	142	...	...	1.8	28.3
52.40	Sterling Pub	160	+2	...	2.4	17.4
513.30	Telegraph	382	-2	...	3.6	16.1
4,526.20	Thomson Corp	795	+10	25.4	4.0	∞
256.30	Trinity Intl	372	...	8.7	2.9	22.3
1.93	Unit Groups	36	...	...	...	...
1,333.50	Utd Nwspaprs	549	+17	...	4.9	16.2

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
81.40	Aran Energy	29	+1	...	...	28.2
22.00	Arcon Intl	38	-2	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	66½	+1	...	...	...
22.70	Aviva Pet	72	-2	...	...	...
4.35	Beverley	12½	+½	...	...	...
43.70	Br Borneo	186	+10	7.1	4.8	5.6
13,311.80	British Gas	308	-2½	14.2	5.8	14.9
16,818.90	Br Petroleum	309	-½	10.5	4.3	24.1
13.70	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
1,404.30	Burmah Castrl	743	+1	...	4.2	17.3
35.60	Cairn Energy	55	-2½	...	...	7.9
430.30	Calor Gp	256	+1	...	5.9	21.3
195.70	Clyde Pet	49	...	...	...	...
62.50	Coplex Res	42	+6	...	...	...
3.09	Edin Oil & Gs	18½	...	...	...	...
2,155.80	Enterprise	451	-3	16.0	4.4	55.7
42.30	Exp Co Louis	40	-3	...	...	...
58.60	Fairhaven Intl	24	+1	...	2.3	9.1
75.10	Goal Pet	56	-1	1.4	3.1	10.7
38.20	Gt Western Res	40	+2	...	...	...
164.80	Hardy O & G	146	-1	...	0.9	13.6
56.60	Kelt Energy	40	-1	...	...	...
1,007.40	LASMO	137	+1	3.3	3.0	22.8
3.60	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
27.00	Mid Sent Res	13	-2½	...	...	...
392.30	Monument	42½	+1½	...	...	...
7.23	New London	6	...	...	...	...
14.60	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	1.0	4.5	...
91.60	Oil Search	30	-1	...	...	...
	Petroz	15	+1	...	...	...
63.00	Pict Pet	122	...	...	...	...
129.70	Premier	23½	-1½	...	...	11.0
29.20	Presidio	115	...	...	...	8.8
305.30	Ranger	310	...	...	5.0	...
34,040.70	Royal Dtch Fl	6350	-168½	...	5.2	...
10,080.20	Schlumberger	4102½	-137½	...	5.1	14.9
57.20	Seafield	53	...	...	1.8	...
21,182.40	Shell	639	-2	21.0	4.3	19.7
5.24	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
21.40	Triton Europe	28	...	...	...	...
6.05	Villiers Grp	12	...	...	...	5.9
996.70	Woodside	149½	-2½	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
23.00	AG Holdings	128	-1	...	5.1	11.6
64.90	API	303	...	7.5	3.1	28.4
1,630.10	Arjo Wiggins	201	-4	...	4.0	19.7
77.30	Abbott Mead	515	+2	9.3	2.3	26.7
3.31	Acsis Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
57.10	Aegis Gp	34	+3	...	5.1	...
19.40	Aspen Comms	150	-40	...	4.1	13.4
1.06	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
95.50	Bemrose	379	+4	...	3.9	15.5
2.67	Birkdale	15	+½	0.2	1.7	12.7
545.60	Bunzl	133	+1	4.0	3.8	20.1
35.00	CIA Gp	292	+1	...	1.9	18.5
56.50	Capital Inds	212	+3	...	1.9	20.2
5.34	City of Lon	68	-6	...	7.1	12.5
18.70	Cropper (Jmes)	232	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
3.66	Crown Comm	6 #	...	...	...	...
7.71	Delyn Pckaging	91	...	1.6	2.3	12.2
24.30	Dolphin Pack	103	-2	4.5	5.5	25.4
8.38	Dudley Jenkins	73	+7	...	5.5	∞
25.80	Elswick	12½	-½	...	3.0	19.1
20.70	Fairway Group	67	-1	3.1	6.0	19.4
102.70	Ferguson Intl	314	+3	...	5.0	14.2
14.20	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
26.40	Filofax	118	...	...	1.3	15.1
5.51	Fitch	15½	...	...	...	...
10.10	Gibbon Lyons	112	+5	...	5.6	∞
75.50	Gold Greenless	287	...	8.3	3.7	∞
3.59	Goodhead	24	...	0.5	2.6	...
31.30	Hunterprint	54	+12	...	...	...
8.84	Intereurope	165	...	7.4	5.7	10.8
78.50	Jarvis Porter	247	...	...	2.4	...
14.90	Lopex	28	...	...	...	...
96.30	More O'Ferrall	298	...	13.2	3.5	35.7
42.30	NMC Group	106	+4	2.0	2.4	16.1
7.57	Osborne & Little	125	...	...	4.6	13.7
308.30	Portals	478	+2	...	3.8	16.4
42.20	Quarto	255	...	5.3	2.4	14.9
306.30	St Ives Gp	310	+22	5.2	2.1	21.1
376.00	Saatchi	171	+4	...	...	...
690.70	Sappi	460	+30	...	1.9	8.9
4.58	Seria	16½	+½	...	...	...
21.10	Shandwick	29½	+1	...	...	...
596.60	Smith David	386 †	+3½	10.0	3.2	∞
1,215.60	Smurfit (Jeff)	249	+11	...	3.1	15.5
1.30	Somic	65	+4	1.5	2.9	26.6
49.20	Son-Plus	229	...	8.0	4.4	20.4
55.80	Taylor Nelson	29½	...	0.3	1.5	21.4
4.75	VTR	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
401.80	WPP	90	+2	...	1.4	3.4
104.60	Wace	140	+3	...	2.0	...
196.70	Waddington (J)	245	+13	...	4.0	18.4
234.30	Watmough	708	...	11.5	2.0	27.8
6.68	Westport	9½	-½	...	...	∞
1.86	Whatney Mck	26	...	...	...	...
11.83	Wood (SW)	72	+1	...	2.2	15.4

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
61.20	Allied Lon	88	+12	3.5	5.0	15.9
5.56	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
75.40	Asda	96	+5	...	2.7	10.1
57.30	Avonside	132	...	4.0	3.8	19.5
6,891.60	BCE	2250	-25	...	...	...
263.10	Bilton	602	+17	18.9	3.9	21.8
6.54	Bourne End	76	+6	1.0	1.6	...
310.40	Bradford	216	...	5.4	3.1	21.8
3.85	Bredero	10½	+2½	...	...	...
1,097.60	Br Land	365	+14	...	2.4	33.3
562.20	Brixton	234	+5	...	4.5	18.5
131.90	Burford	71	...	...	2.0	...
47.30	Cap & Regnl	158	+3	...	0.9	...
4.80	Cardiff Prop	185 †	+1	2.4	1.6	...
74.80	Chesterfield	400	+8	11.0	3.4	28.6
5.34	City Site Ests	34	+4	1.4	...	...
4.33	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	...
24.80	Conrad Rbist GS	46	+4	...	1.4	...
192.30	Daejan	1180	+22	27.0	2.9	∞
4.19	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
35.80	Debenham Twsn	82	...	3.0	4.6	∞
3.78	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
23.40	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
55.70	Derwent Hldgs	478	+5	8.6	2.2	59.6
45.10	Development Sec	38½	+1½	...	...	...
13.30	Dwyer	52	-1	...	...	...
15.60	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
3.85	Estates Gen	15	-½	...	...	...
138.60	Evans Of Leeds	209	-8	...	2.7	18.5
13.90	Five Oaks	29½	-½	...	...	...
5.04	Fletcher King	60	+2	1.0	2.1	39.8
214.20	Frogmore	425	+12	...	4.4	24.7
36.60	Grainger	184	-1	5.2	3.6	41.1
616.30	Gr Portland	202	+14½	...	6.2	19.3
17.10	Greycoat	19½	-1½	5.2	...	...
3,895.70	HK Land	145	+5	...	4.5	19.8
226.70	Hambro Cntyw	69	+5	...	...	...
192.60	Hammerson	362	+8	10.0	3.5	36.0
636.50	-do- 'A'	331	+4	10.0	3.8	33.5
40.50	Helical Bar	249	+5	...	2.4	8.9
28.40	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
10.40	Herring Baker	65	+8	3.7	7.2	16.3
2.76	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
3,283.90	Land Sec	649	+21	22.8	4.4	19.6
239.60	Lon Merch Sec	99 †	+2	4.0	5.1	∞
2.27	Lon & Metro	4	-½	...	...	...
1,870.60	MEPC	482	+13	...	5.2	20.7
5.42	McInerney A	9 #	...	...	...	...
35.40	McKay Secs	130	+5	3.5	3.5	∞
7.33	Marcheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
6.37	Merivale Mre	46	+6	1.0	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
4.18	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
58.80	Mountview	1200	+50	20.0	2.1	11.9
141.50	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	5.9	5.1	20.4
6.32	Olives Prop	37	...	1.5	5.1	...
5.23	Ossory Est	9½	...	0.1	...	1.7
157.80	PSIT	130	-2	4.1	4.0	∞
208.30	Peel	261	...	4.0	1.9	∞
8.14	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	0.7
7.78	Property Trust	41	+7	...	...	...
14.00	Raglan	45	...	...	...	...
23.40	Regalian	20	+1½	...	...	...
16.20	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
41.40	St Modwen Prp	39¼	-1	0.6	2.1	27.0
20.70	Savills	56 †	+2	...	2.2	22.2
78.70	Scot Met	81	+4	1.5	...	...
25.10	Shaftesbury	103	+7	...	...	...
0.96	Shield	10	...	...	...	5.2
873.00	Slough Estates	227	-8	...	4.5	15.9
54.40	Southend Prop	59 †	-3½	4.2	9.0	∞
34.90	Stanhope Prps	21	...	...	...	...
80.00	Tops Ests	174	...	2.1	1.5	61.5
124.60	Town Centre	123	+9	3.1	3.2	22.0
52.80	Trafford Park	78	-1	2.5	4.1	22.0
5.25	UK Land	8	-1	...	...	...
9.67	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
119.30	Warner	265	+2	10.5	5.4	32.4
72.20	Warnford	188	...	7.5	5.1	13.4
2.51	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
92.40	Watts	77	...	0.7	1.3	...
5.50	Wood John D	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
0.86	Automagic	15	...	...	...	...
49.70	Headlam	146 †	-3½	...	2.2	33.0
19.00	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
11.30	Pittards	53	...	2.0	4.8	14.9
46.00	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
35.20	Stylo	184	-1	...	2.1	69.3
12.60	UK Safety	59	+2	...	23.8	1.9

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
141.90	Allied Tex	496	-3	12.6	3.2	15.8
7.70	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
2.73	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14.8
22.60	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
2.49	Charnwell	40	...	...	...	...
133.40	Claremont Gs	331	...	7.2	2.2	20.7
565.60	Courtauld Text	560	+15	13.6	3.0	15.3
5.20	Cupid	29	...	...	...	...
341.20	Dawson	219	+1	...	5.1	16.7
5.52	Drummond	34	+2	...	...	...
8.48	Dunkeld	28	...	...	...	...
9.35	Faupel	81	+7	...	7.6	12.5
2.29	Foster (John)	20	+1	...	...	...
5.63	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	...
31.50	Hicking Pntcst	191	...	...	2.6	14.8
4.07	Jerome (S)	54	...	...	...	...
98.10	Lamont	327	-5	12.0	4.6	21.0
90.80	Leeds	478	+6	...	1.9	21.1
6.09	Lister	31	...	0.1	0.3	...
6.39	Lyles (S)	88	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
39.10	Magellan	157	+1	1.4	1.1	...
8.54	Parkland 'A'	149	+18	2.0	1.7	...
179.80	Readicut	93½	+1½	...	4.6	17.6
1.73	SEET	43	+3	...	...	...
53.00	Sirdar	90	+1	5.1	6.5	17.4
59.60	Stirling Gp	69	+3	1.8	3.4	10.6
30.90	Stoddard	44	...	...	4.3	40.9
18.70	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
5.84	West Trust	36	...	...	8.7	...
17.40	Yorklyde	182	-5	...	3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
13,934.30	BAT	453 †	+½	...	5.1	13.6
4,041.40	Rothmans 'B'	668	-1½	11.5	2.2	13.2

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
841.00	Assoc Br Ports	449	+29	...	2.4	...
4,053.80	BAA	798	+21	...	2.5	19.8
3,162.00	Br Airways	340	+1	...	3.0	18.7
20.10	Clarkson (H)	86	+5	1.5	2.1	...
26.30	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
1,217.50	Eurotunnel Uts	456	+21	...	...	...
12.10	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
12.60	Graig	157	+2	...	0.8	∞
29.70	IoM Steam	198	...	...	5.1	10.4
7.37	Jacobs (JI)	32	-3	0.5	2.0	...
11.90	Lon O'Seas Frts	70	...	...	1.6	15.4
111.00	Manchstr Sh	2775	...	4.5	0.2	13.1
229.60	Mersey Docks	382	+15	7.5	2.5	24.5
95.80	Natl Express	242	...	...	3.7	17.3
1,423.80	NFC	237 †	+18½	6.5	3.2	19.5
486.60	Ocean Group	316	+16	...	5.7	26.3
23.40	Ocean Wilsns	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
3,759.80	P & O Dfd	669	+4	...	5.7	36.3
102.00	P & O 5 1/2%	151	+1	...	4.5	...
355.30	Powell Duffryn	540	+9	...	5.2	20.9
13.40	Seacon	138	...	...	4.6	8.7
162.00	Stagecoach	135	-5	...	3.5	∞
70.80	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	4.2	10.2
282.60	TNT	50	-5	...	...	...
326.30	Tibbet & Britn	730	+40	11.8	2.0	35.8
259.40	Tiphook	236 †	+6½	19.3	10.2	...
395.30	TDG	270	+11	...	4.4	...

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,444.50	Anglian Water	488	-6	...	5.4	9.4
396.30	Northumbrian	588	-1	...	4.8	9.0
1,813.50	North West	487½	+3½	...	5.5	8.7
1,781.40	Severn Trent	499	-3	...	5.3	7.4
854.70	Sthrn Water	513	-11	...	5.2	8.5
83.30	Sth Staffs	1489	+25	47.0	3.4	10.0
647.00	South West	518	+2	...	5.7	8.5
1,953.90	Thames Water	501	+3	...	5.2	4.8
839.80	Welsh Water	582	+6	...	5.0	5.5
727.90	Wessex Water	588	-13	...	4.6	8.8
998.00	Yorkshire W	502	-3	...	5.3	8.5

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
600	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.62
1,065	Treas 13¼% 1993	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.44	5.52
2,100	Treas 8¼% 1994	101[illegible]	...	8.38	5.46
550	Treas 14½% 1994	105[illegible] †	+[illegible]	13.80	5.38
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.78	5.39
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.64	5.43
1,240	Exch 12½% 1994	107[illegible] †	-[illegible]	11.67	5.37
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	104[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.62	5.41
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	109[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.01	5.48
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	96[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.10	4.82
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	108[illegible]	...	9.45	5.60
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	114[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.12	5.73
770	Treas 14% 1996	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.83	5.88
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	122[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.41	6.03
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.22	6.01
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.99	6.15
1,270	Treas 13¼% 1997	121[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.93	6.30
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113[illegible] †	+[illegible]	9.28	6.30
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	108[illegible] †	+[illegible]	8.06	6.33
830	Exch 15% 1997	130[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.51	6.59
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.69	6.50
3,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	103[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.02	6.37
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	6.69	6.49
920	Treas 14% 1998-01	128[illegible]	+[illegible]	10.90	6.88

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	137[illegible]	+1	11.27	6.70
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.81	6.85
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.44	6.67
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	124[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.85	6.92
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	117[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.95	6.79
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	117[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.76	6.83
4,758	Conv 9% 2000	111[illegible] †	+1[illegible]	8.08	6.79
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	131[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.89	7.13
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	116[illegible] †	+1[illegible]	8.57	7.10
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	116[illegible] †	+1[illegible]	8.36	7.20
4,150	Treas 8% 2003	106[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.52	7.07
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	119[illegible] †	+1[illegible]	8.39	7.26
1,630	Treas 11½% 2001-04	123[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.30	7.37
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78[illegible]	+1[illegible]	4.48	6.58
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	115[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.21	7.39
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	115[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.19	7.42
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	134[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.32	7.62
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	104[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.66	7.46
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	127[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.21	7.58
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	108[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.82	7.46
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	142[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.50	7.64

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
4,321	Treas 9% 2008	113[illegible]	+2	7.95	7.51
2,500	Treas 8% 2009	103[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.70	7.53
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	113[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.91	7.56
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	114[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.89	7.57
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	82 †	+2[illegible]	6.71	7.24
700	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	101[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.61	7.56
4,350	Treas 8% 2013	104[illegible]	+2[illegible]	7.68	7.57
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	142[illegible]	+2[illegible]	8.42	7.77
6,300	Treas 8¾% 2017	112[illegible] †	+2[illegible]	7.78	7.60

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	45[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.73	...
475	Treas 2½%	32[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.63	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
500	Treas IL 2% 1994	134[illegible]	-[illegible]	...	1.12
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	198[illegible]	-[illegible]	1.84	2.66
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109[illegible]	-[illegible]	2.23	2.81
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.73	3.08
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164[illegible]	...	2.88	3.17
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112[illegible]	...	2.92	3.20
1,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	172[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.99	3.21
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.11	3.31
1,550	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163[illegible] †	+1[illegible]	3.14	3.32
1,950	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135[illegible] †	+1[illegible]	3.17	3.33
2,200	Treas IL 2½% 2016	144[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.22	3.37
2,000	Treas IL 2½% 2020	139[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.26	3.39
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2024	116[illegible]	+2[illegible]	3.27	3.39

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'Unit trust' launched at Lloyd's

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE first underwriting pooling agreement on the lines of a unit trust has been launched at Lloyd's of London. The initiative is expected to overturn the traditional relationship between Lloyd's names and their members' agents.

Sedgwick Lloyd's Underwriting Agents has won the race to become the first members' agent to circulate proposals of its Members Agent Pooling Arrangements (Mapas). Other agencies, including Anton Members Agency, Stace Barr and Christie Brockbank Shipton, are expected to announce their plans within two weeks.

Names are expected to have backed plans by David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, to transform the loss-making insurance market. Results of a ballot among members, to be made public tomorrow, are expected to show a majority for Mr Rowland's plan, which includes introducing corporate capital for the first time.

Names, the individuals who put their assets on the line to underwrite insurance risks, are expected to provide little more than £7 billion of capacity next year after a series of scandals and losses of £2.9 billion on the 1990 account. Lloyd's believes opening the market to corporate cash will enable it to maintain capacity close to this year's £8.8 billion.

The emergence of the Mapa, introduced in the Lloyd's business plan as a means for spreading names' risks more widely, is prompting a fight among agencies for participation on the "best" syndicates.

John Stace, managing director of Stace Barr, said: "There are a lot of names who, over the years, have sat with the same members' agents, who in turn have supported certain managing agents and their syndicates. Now, names are using the opportunity of Mapas to look at other members' agents. As a result, there will be a fairly significant movement of names between agencies." Stace Barr, which is setting up a Mapa, the Enhanced Syndicate Portfolio, expects to gain from this transfer, boosting the number of names it advises from the present 350.

Sedgwick plans to launch three Mapas, one acting as a basic investment scheme, supplemented by the other two. Colin Spence, managing director, said: "Names will invest in the three Mapas in recommended proportions. However, these proportions can be varied to satisfy the requirements of the investor."

The basic Mapa, the Aldgate programme, is expected to attract £200 million of capacity invested in 40 of the large, defensive, long-established syndicates. The next layer is the Bishopsgate programme, with capacity of £100 million in 50 syndicates, 20 of which are not included in Aldgate. The final layer, the Moorgate programme, is expected to have capacity of £50 million invested in 30 syndicates, ten of which will not be represented in the other programmes.

Charles Harboard-Hamond, managing director of Christie Brockbank Shipton, said the syndicates the agency would support next year would be detailed in two weeks.



Rowland: spreading risk

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Small firms complain of increase in red tape

BRITAIN's small businesses have seen a "significant" increase in red tape since the general election, according to a small companies' survey published today. The government is expected to mount a big push on deregulation, including new legislation, in the autumn.

The survey, from the Federation of Small Businesses, suggests that the amount of regulation bearing down on small companies has increased since John Major was elected. Seventy-five per cent of the companies looked at by the federation for its latest bi-monthly small business survey say they have noticed a significant increase in regulations. Both the UK government and the European Commission are held to be equally responsible for the increase, with each scoring 35 per cent of those surveyed. The survey suggests that the largest number of small businesses — as many as 29 per cent of the total — are located in the Midlands, followed by the South West with 17 per cent, the North at 16 per cent, East Anglia with 12 per cent and then the South East, with 10 per cent.

Lufthansa offers deal

LUFTHANSA, the German national airline, is trying to woo Austrian Airlines away from the Alcazar project, a proposed corporate alliance the Austrians are negotiating with KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Swissair and Scandinavian Airlines System. An unnamed Austrian Airlines' director was quoted in the Vienna press at the weekend, saying that a proposal from Lufthansa would offer Austrian major savings, and made Alcazar look "out of date". Lufthansa is understood to have offered Austrian most of the traffic between Germany and Austria.

Paris megastore protest

DEFYING a government minister and a court order, and ready to give its takings for the day to a French trade union, the Virgin Megastore on Avenue des Champs Elysées in Paris opened for business again yesterday. For a year, from July 1992, Virgin was allowed a special dispensation to trade on Sundays but when the period ran out last month the authorities refused to renew the order on the grounds that not enough new jobs had been created. A fine levied on the shop was last week reduced from 4 million francs to 1 million francs.

Three brokers expelled

THREE brokers have been expelled by the Securities and Futures Authority as being "no longer fit and proper for registration". They are Brian Anthony Hobbs and Stephen Laurence Withers, both "half commission" men with private client stockbroking firms, and Avinash Manilal Suchak, a sales executive. Mr Hobbs used clients' accounts for personal dealing. Mr Withers was banned by his firm from dealing on his personal account, and to circumvent this opened an account in a friend's name. Mr Suchak ran up an $85,000 loss for a client through 451 unauthorised transactions.

Credit demand softens

A FLATTENING of demand for credit to buy cars and houses during June has underlined the fragility of Britain's recovery. Only credit demand for retail sales showed any significant rise during June. The softening took place despite a broad increase in uptake of consumer credit during the second quarter of 1993, suggesting a steady rise in consumer confidence, according to Infolink, the credit rating agency. Demand for car loans showed the strongest year on year rise in the latest quarter, at 10.2 per cent, holding out hope of better August sales for manufacturers.

Home shopping spree

HOME shopping has grown faster than the overall retail market for the first time in more than a decade, according to a report by Verdict, the retail consultant. The £4.4 billion market, which includes mail order, direct mail, teleshopping and telephone selling, grew 5 per cent last year, lifting its share of the total market from 3.1 to 3.2 per cent. Much of the growth was driven by a robust performance from Great Universal Stores, which increased its share from 36.3 per cent to 37.3 per cent, backed up by the growing strength of smaller players, such as N Brown and Fine Art Developments.

Fisons to stay quiet on drug's progress

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

FISONS, the troubled pharmaceuticals group, is heading for another dispute with City analysts as it attempts to withhold information about the progress of sales of Tilade, its key asthma drug, in America after its recent launch there.

The drug, widely perceived as a make-or-break product for the company, was launched in the US nearly two months ago, and investors anxiously await news of its progress.

But the company is expected to tell analysts that insufficient information is available to give an accurate picture of Tilade's market share and the anticipated level of demand for the drug when interim trading results are published next month. A company spokeswoman said information on Tilade's progress was likely to be sketchy at that time.

She said the group knew there was great interest in how the product was doing since being launched in North America. However, she added: "We are naturally very cautious because the company has been a hostage to fortune in this situation in the past.

"It is likely that we won't say very much on Tilade at the interim results due on September 7. Three months' data is not that meaningful. It is more likely we will say something more at the announcement of the preliminary results next March.

"We think now is much too soon for any meaningful market data from the drug's US launch. Indications can fluctuate although the early signs are that it is making good progress."

The move to soft-pedal on the product's early performance across the Atlantic could backfire in the City.

James Culverwell, pharmaceuticals analyst at Hoare Govett, the broker, commented: "Analysts will want to know an awful lot at the interims meeting on how Tilade is doing.

"It is absolutely crucial. The success of that drug is vital to the medium-term future of Fisons."

Fisons, which has seen significant management changes in the past 18 months and a 24 per cent profits fall last year to £123.6 million, recently announced the withdrawal of another anti-asthma drug, Tipredane, after disappointing clinical trials.

The company has periodically been thought of as a bid candidate, and has had difficulties with the Food and Drug Administration, the US drug licensing body. Opticrom, an eye treatment, was withdrawn from the US in 1989 after the FDA criticised production methods.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

General Accident expected to lead composite trio back into the black

GENERAL Accident is due to lead the composite insurance companies back into the black this week, with the red ink of last year's interim figures firmly displaced.

Nelson Robertson's Perth-based group is expected to come in tomorrow with pre-tax profits in the £90-125 million range, most analysts predicting an unchanged interim dividend of 9.7p.

Simon Willis, at NatWest Markets, is predicting profits of £120 million compared with losses of £21.2 million last time. He predicts full-year pre-tax profits of £245 million. Strong growth is expected in the sale of personal lines — homes and car insurance — in both the UK and America.

The group's relative lack of exposure to the distressed mortgage indemnity market should also stand it in good stead.



Long-distance runner: Nelson Robertson of GA should have overcome the hurdles

TODAY

Interims: French Property Trust, Govett and Co, Thailand International Fund, Vektra Corp.
Finals: Mid Wynd International Inv Trst, Westminster Health Care.
Economic Statistics: Credit business (June), producer price index numbers (Jul-prov).

TOMORROW

British Airways unveils its first-quarter profits, with a number of analysts' forecasts in a band of around £88-96 million, against comparative pre-tax profits last time of £78 million.

While most brokers believe BA is not immune from fare discounting and falls in first-class traffic, it is expected to have received a tailwind from the pound's devaluation last autumn.

Interims: Allied Irish Banks, Bensons Crisps, BOC Group (Q3), British Airways (Q1), Edinburgh Oil and Gas, General Accident, Huntingdon Intl (Q3), Manchester Ship Canal, New Ireland Holdings, Practical Inv Co (2nd int div), Saatchi & Saatchi, Howard Holdings.
Finals: Pifco Holdings, Rexmore.
Economic statistics: Quarterly analysis of bank advances (April-June).

WEDNESDAY

Commercial Union is the second big insurer to report interim results, with most brokers predicting pre-tax profits of £44-70 million from a company that had losses of £18 million last time. Many expect the dividend to rise from 9.25p to 9.5p.

Peter Constable at Flemings said Commercial Union was well placed to benefit from expected falls in European interest rates, given its Dutch and Italian presence.

Interims: Commercial Union, Hambros Currency Fund, Holliday Chemical Holdings, Kleinwort Overseas Inv, Metal Bulletin, Novo Nordisk, Schroder Split Fund (2nd int div), SKF Group, Ward Holdings.
Finals: Armitage Brothers, English and Caledonian Inv, Hambros Eurobond and Money.
Economic statistics: Index of production for Scotland (Q1).

THURSDAY

Smith & Nephew, the healthcare group, will take the wraps off half-time profits up to £75.5 million (£64.6 million), says Paul Woodhouse at Smith New Court. He also thinks that the dividend will be boosted to 2p (1.8p). Part of the drive, he says, will come from cost-cutting rationalisation over the past couple of years.

Royal Insurance, the last of the insurance trio reporting this week, should turn a £79 million loss last time into a £45 million profits, says NatWest Markets.

NatWest believes that the dividend will rise to 2.5p (1.9p).

Interims: Ayrshire Metal Products, Blagden Industries, CSC Investment Trust, City Merchant High Yield, Johnson Group Cleaners, Micro Focus, Shires High-Yielding Smaller Companies Trust, Standard Chartered, Foreign and Colonial Inv, Relyon Group, Royal Insurance, Sleepy Kids, Smith & Nephew, Thomson Corporation, Thornton Pan Euro Inv Trst, TransAtlantic Holdings.
Finals: Mosaic Investments.
Economic statistics: Index of output of the production industries, unemployment and unfilled vacancies (June-prov), unit wage costs, industrial disputes, long term unemployment — quarterly analysis of unemployment by age and duration.

FRIDAY

Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch food and consumer products giant, is expected to report second-quarter profits of £530 million (£526 million), according to Les Pugh, at Salomon Brothers. He predicts a six-month pre-tax figure of £950 million.

The group does not pay a dividend at this stage.

Interims: Foreign & Colonial Ent Trst, Haden Maclellan, Malaya Group, Unilever. **Economic statistics:** National food survey: household food consumption (Q2), usable steel production (Jul).

MARTIN FLANAGAN

GILT-EDGED

A new era beckons as history beats bankers

Gilt yields have further to fall, even though they have enjoyed a strong rally recently. In fact, yields have dropped sharply since 1990 during a period in which Britain joined and left the exchange-rate mechanism (ERM), and had a sharp rise in public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR).

The reasons yields have fallen reflect the impact on the economy of unusually tight monetary policy during ERM membership, and effects of a debt explosion creating the conditions for a period of severe asset price disinflation. It is the disinflation that has spilt over into the goods and labour markets, resulting in Britain having one of the lowest inflation rates in Europe.

Of course, the fall in yields is not confined to Britain. The recession that began at the start of the decade in debt-burdened economies gave way to a period of sluggish economic recovery in the US, Canada and Australia.

In Japan, the collapse of the "bubble" continues to depress the economy, in spite of efforts to expand demand by reflationary fiscal measures.

In Europe, those countries that attached themselves to the "Extended Recession Mechanism" found themselves lumbered with high real interest rates. Recession and rising unemployment were inevitable. As with the gold standard in the 1930s, those countries, such as the US and Britain, that broke free from the system enjoyed an early economic recovery on the back of devaluation and lower interest rates.

Funnily enough, it was countries such as France that clung on to what was left of the gold standard in the 1930s. Being the last country to cut the link with gold, it was also the last to return to pre-recession levels of output. As Marx said, history does repeat itself.

The farce of trying to reconstitute the ERM, the latter-day gold standard, is doomed to fail because it does not resolve Europe's interest rate crisis as recession deepens and joblessness reaches unacceptable economic and social proportions.

The history of past fixed exchange-rate systems coming to grief, such as the gold standard and Bretton Woods

> 'The farce of trying to reconstitute the ERM is doomed to fail'

in the 1970s, shows that central bankers do not radically change policy. Because they have invested heavily, in terms of intellectual and political capital, in advocating fixed, or quasi-fixed, systems of exchange rates, it is hard for them to make necessary changes in mindset to accept the reality of the policy being incompatible with the needs of the real economy.

With inflation already low throughout Europe, the necessary fall in short-term nominal interest rates will help to bring European *real* interest rates down to US levels of zero. A backdrop of low inflation will help European bond yields to fall further. Inflation is now back to levels not seen since the 1960s throughout the world's major economies.

In Britain, the outlook for inflation staying low is good: there is a very good chance that the underlying rate will stay within the government target, in spite of the likelihood of VAT extensions and higher excise duties in November's Budget. To offset the pain of higher taxes, the Chancellor will, no doubt, cut base rates to 5 per cent — near the likely average in short-term European interest rates by then.

The PSBR is, without doubt, pretty awful, but market expectations for this fiscal year have, if anything, slightly improved. With City forecasts of economic growth generally rising closer to the 2 per cent level and with unemployment falling, it may well be that the PSBR establishes a peak this year not too far from the government's £50 billion forecast.

There are always black clouds on the horizon, though. Speaking to investors in the US, from where I write, I find that it is not inflation or the PSBR in the UK that concerns them. They would be ready investors in the gilt market but for their concern about the political scene and scepticism about prospects for sterling. These concerns appear genuinely founded, in my view, but, in the months ahead, gilts can share in the wider European move to lower bond yields. Remember, though, that all good things come to an end — sooner, rather than later.

NEIL MACKINNON
Citibank NA

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4913 (+0.0103)
German mark
2.5422 (0.0370)
Exchange index
81.2 (0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2361.0 (+43.4)
FT-SE 100
2969.8 (+43.3)
New York Dow Jones
3560.43 (+20.96)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
20357.94 (22.20)

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 071-782 7344

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE REVERTER OF SITES ACT 1987
The former Methodist Manse at Upper Bristol Road, Clutton.

WHEREAS:-
(1) The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("the Board") formerly held the land specified in the schedule hereto under a deed dated the 30th day of April 1889 and made between The Earl of Warwick (1) G W J Repton and others (2) Rev P Cattier (3) and A Bowditch and others (4) The deed was made under the provisions of The Places of Worship Sites Act 1873 and The Places of Worship Sites Amendment Act 1882 for the purposes of the said Acts and to be applied to the purposes of and used as a site for the residence of the Wesleyan Minister officiating in the Chapel at Clutton then in the County of Somerset according to the trusts therein declared on ceasing to be used for those purposes there was provision for reverter of the land.

(2) The land ceased to be so used and by virtue of section 1 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 became subject to a trust to sell the land and to stand possessed of the net proceeds of sale and the net rents and profits until sale upon trust for the persons who but for that Act would from time to time be entitled to the ownership of the land by virtue of its reverter.

(3) The Board have sold the land and now hold the net proceeds of sale thereof on the last mentioned trust.

NOW the Board gives notice as follows:

1. The Board proposes to apply to the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales under section 2 of the Reverter of Sites Act 1987 for an Order establishing a scheme with respect to the property subject to the said trust which will:

(a) extinguish the rights of beneficiaries under the trust; and

(b) require the Board to hold the said property on trust for such charitable purposes as may be specified in the order

2. Any beneficiary under the trust who wishes to oppose the extinguishment of his rights should notify his claim in writing to the Board c/o Faulkners Solicitors, Norton House, Midsomer Norton, Bath, Avon BA3 2SF within three months from today

THE SCHEDULE
The former Methodist Manse at Upper Bristol Road Clutton Bristol Avon

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - Mrs. Marjorie Allison Padgham deceased
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGY/186796-CDC (LDN5).

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 006845 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF ALLDERS LIMITED
and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 30th July 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of capital of the above-named Company from £53,032,386.96 to £8,316,714.30
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Lindsay at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 18th day of August 1993
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 9th day of August 1993.
Messrs Macfarlanes
10 Norwich Street
London EC4A 1BD
(Ref: AZL/827411/77001)
Solicitors for
the above-named Company

VENDING FINANCE LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at 4th Floor, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF on Wednesday 18 August 1993 at 11.30 am for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the Administrative Receivership has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if:
a. he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debts that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers, and
b. there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers at Buchler Phillips & Co. 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, a proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
DATED this 29th of July 1993
Lee Antony Manning
Joint Administrative Receiver

LEGAL NOTICES

DALBRET LIMITED
TRADING AS THE RIVERSIDE
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Thursday 19th August 1993 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Stephen James Wadsworth of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 3rd of August 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
T J WOOD, DIRECTOR.

INNOVEND MANAGEMENT SERVICES LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at 4th Floor, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF on Wednesday 18 August 1993 at 11.00 am for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the Administrative Receivership has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
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b. there has been lodged with the Joint Administrative Receivers at Buchler Phillips & Co. 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, a proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
DATED this 29th of July 1993
Lee Antony Manning
Joint Administrative Receiver

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
METEX CEILINGS LIMITED
Registered number: 1867399. Trading name: Metex Ceilings Limited. Nature of business: Distribution. Trade classification: 13. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 29 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Odenwald Faserplattenwerk GmbH. Joint Administrative Receivers: John William Pavail and Derrick Stephen Woolf (office holder nos: 007888 & 002969). Address: Levy Gee & Partners 7th Floor, Wellern House, 86 Dingwall Road, Croydon CR0 0XH.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
Insight Into Promotions Limited
Registered number: 2281692. Nature of business: Marketing & Promotion. Trade classification: 46. Date of appointment of Administrative Receivers: 28 July 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Raymond Hocking and George Albert Auger (office holder nos: 2322/01 and 1067/01). Address: Bury Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
HOPE LIMITED
T/A WATLING HOPE
We, David Nisbet and Ronald Norman Millar of Halpern Wood & Partners, Halpern House, 304 306, Euston Road, London, NW1 3BS were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Hope Limited, registered number: 1571446 by Barclays Bank PLC on 30th July 1993.
D. Nisbet
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CORNEYVALE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 18th August 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 2.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 30th day of July 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
George K Seago, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
LIQUID GOLD LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 18th August 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 30th day of July 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
George K Seago, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Beliddir Estates Limited
Registered number: 1666478. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 30 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Sheldon Padmore and David John Blenkarn (office holder nos: 6600 and 6676). Address: Price Waterhouse The Quay 30 Channel Way Ocean Village Southampton Hampshire SO1 1XF.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Ling Holdings Limited
Registered number: 2694059. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 30 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Sheldon Padmore and David John Blenkarn (office holder nos: 5600 and 6676). Address: Price Waterhouse The Quay 30 Channel Way Ocean Village Southampton Hampshire SO1 1XF.

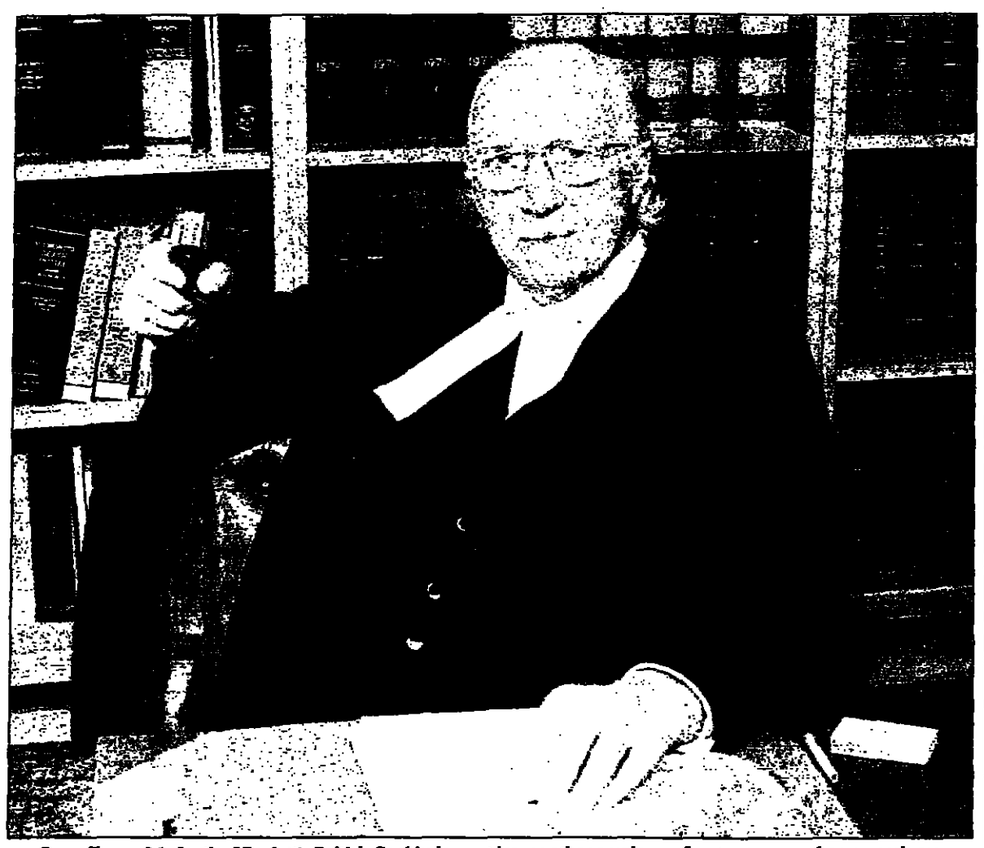
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CLOTHES CITY LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 18th August 1993 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.30 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 30th day of July 1993.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
George K Seago, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Seaspray Properties Limited
Registered number: 2316891. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 30 July 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Sheldon Padmore and David John Blenkarn (office holder nos: 5600 and 6676). Address: Price Waterhouse The Quay 30 Channel Way Ocean Village Southampton Hampshire SO1 1XF.

The Insolvency Act 1986
BROWN AND WALLIS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the creditors on 22nd July 1993.
Dated this 26th day of July 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator.

The question remains: who owns a pension surplus?

The High Court ruling against British Coal seemed like a victory for employees, but Sara McConnell has read the small print



One-off case: Mr Justice Vinelott's British Coal judgment leaves other employers free to remove scheme surpluses

British Coal's recent defeat in the High Court was widely seen as being one in the eye for employers trying to raid company pension schemes and use the surpluses for their own purposes. This was certainly the way it looked. But when the final written judgment came out it became clear that scheme members' and unions' cries of victory had been premature.

The court told British Coal it could not use its half share of a £1 billion surplus in the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme to pay past debts for pensions to redundant employees. Mr Justice Vinelott sided with the scheme trustees, ruling that any agreement to allow British Coal to stop paying separately into the fund to cover the benefits it had promised, and use its share of the surplus instead, would be equivalent to a payment to the employer. Payment of money to the employer is forbidden under the rules of the scheme.

British Coal has two weeks to appeal against the judgment. Its board met on Friday, but no decision was made on whether it would.

British Coal, faced with paying enhanced pension benefits totalling more than £500 million over ten years to redundant workers, had been casting an eager eye towards the surplus in the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme and asking itself whether there was any reason why it should not use its half share of the surplus to fund its previously agreed commitment to pay enhanced pensions to redundant clerical, technical and administrative staff. This was preferable to paying large instalments into the pension scheme to cover the benefits promised to these workers, because British Coal would not have to use current funds to cover this liability in the first place.

The government, which under the Coal Industry Act has to reimburse most of these costs to British Coal, agreed and encouraged British Coal to withhold a payment of £109 million, which became payable in April, pending the court's decision.

However, solicitors involved with the case point out that British Coal only failed in its attempt to get at its share of the surplus because of the way its particular scheme was worded. Those who hope British Coal's defeat will give a boost to members of other company schemes fighting what they see as misappropriation of surpluses are likely to be disappointed.

The court specifically rejected one argument in the case which could have set limits on employers' ability to extract surpluses from schemes in other cases. Two members of the British Coal scheme had argued that it would be a violation of an employer's fiduciary duty as trustee to alter scheme rules for its own benefit. But in his written judgment on the British Coal case, Mr Justice Vinelott makes it clear that employers whose scheme rules allow them to amend the trust deed should not be prevented in principle from changing rules to give themselves access to surpluses. British Coal had amendment powers and had amended the scheme in 1991 to give itself a benefit in half the surplus but the court said that to do what British Coal had proposed would amount to a payment of funds to the employer. This was illegal under another of the scheme rules and so failed.

Angela Dimsdale Gill, litigation partner at Lovell, White Durrant, the solicitor acting for the trustees, said that although the trustees had won the case, the judgment was in general terms favourable to employers. It was the first judicial endorsement of the idea that the employer's commercial and financial needs should be taken into account in the administration of pension schemes.

The British Coal judgment is certain to raise again the thorny question of who actually owns pension surpluses. The answer to this is that there is no one answer, although employers and employees both lay claim to them. There is no law of surpluses and everything depends, as with British Coal, on the wording of individual schemes. Professor Royston Goode, who is chairing the government's Pension Law Review Committee, said last December in his consultative paper on pension law reform that "the concept of ownership of a surplus is even more uncertain than the ownership of the fund as a whole". The Goode committee is due to report in September but any radical overhaul of the present system looks unlikely.

The stance of the unions and the Labour party is that any surplus in the scheme belongs to the members as the scheme is set up for their benefit and they contribute to it. However, employers argue that they also make contributions. In addition, they make up the shortfall when there is a deficit, so should benefit when there is a surplus. They point out that if any surplus belonged to the members, employers would be tempted to cut their funding to make sure there was not a surplus.

The National Association of Pension Funds, whose members have schemes with assets totalling £250 billion, said: "Members should not treat a final salary pension scheme as the best of both worlds, getting both the benefits and the surplus."

Fights over surpluses were barely known until the late 1980s. In the 1970s, schemes were more often in deficit than in surplus. At the end of the 1980s, after years of booming stock markets, the pendulum had swung the other way and some funds found themselves many millions in surplus. Many have been taking advantage of this to take contribution holidays for years. British Coal has a contribution holiday until 1997. As large surpluses coincided with recession, companies also started to eye their pension schemes eagerly as a source of extra cash.

Employees and pensioners have been outraged to find that companies were legally entitled to remove part of the surplus from a fund for their own purposes, or to amend the scheme rules to allow them to do so.

In one well publicised case, Lucas Industries is set to face its own pensioners in the High Court this November. The pensioners are angry that the trustees allowed the company to seek a modification order from the Occupational Pensions Board (OPB), overcoming scheme rules that had banned the company from using the fund. Having already improved benefits, Lucas used £375 million of a £600 million surplus. It set aside £90 million to help its profits last year and paid £60 million in tax and improved benefits.

Courtaulds, having also improved benefits, announced in April that it was to take £50 million of the pension fund's £189 million surplus into its own coffers. Another £47 million was used to improve benefits. Another £33 million went to the taxman. Its scheme allowed it to do this.

The tax regime appears to encourages companies to run down their surpluses by requiring company schemes to reduce assets to no more than 5 per cent above the amount required to cover pension liabilities. Anything above this will be taxed at 40 per cent. However, Sean Hand, pensions partner at Dibb, Lupton, Broomhead, the solicitor, said companies that did not release the surplus cash but left it in the fund would be taxed on this at much less than 40 per cent in practice.

TEMPUS

August performance

THE City has been waiting for most of the year for the FT-SE 100 index to break out of its narrow trading range and approach 3,000. It is ironic that the move finally came on a Friday afternoon in August, when most City professionals are accustomed to heading early for the Home Counties.

The pressures on the index to perform have been increasing steadily in recent weeks. The market was strangely subdued after the collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism, despite the improved prospects for lower interest rates and an economic recovery on the Continent.

Second-line stocks have been consistently outperforming blue chips, with the FT-SE Mid 250 index on Friday recording its eighth record high in succession. Sooner or later, leading shares were bound to catch up.

Further catalysts in Friday's rise were the encouraging results being announced in the interim reporting season, particularly from the banks, and the improvement in institutional cash flow. The past fortnight has seen the number of flotations and rights issues fall sharply. With BT3 out of the way, unit trust managers can direct strong receipts from private investors into existing equities.

To traditionalists, the market looks wildly overvalued, with many individual stocks trading at more than 20 times next year's forecast earnings. But with base rates at 6 per cent, cash has an effective p/e ratio of more than 22, which implies that the market is still trading at a heavy discount to bank deposits. That leaves optimistic investors with more to head for, as long as they believe that low inflation and interest rates are here to stay.

Asset allocation

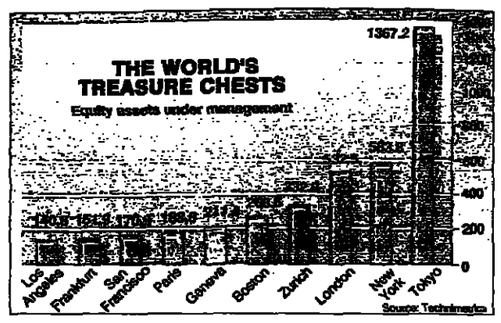
THE surge in UK shares this summer should be a further spur to American fund managers who are keen on British equities. Technimetrics, the investor data specialist, reveals that American fund managers, who have hitherto been reluctant to invest overseas, are now alive to foreign equities' potential and that Britain is their favourite target.

Technimetrics shows that American institutions bought a net $32.1 billion of overseas equities last year, to increase their total holdings to $170 billion, or 7.4 per cent of their total funds. At this rate, a tenth of their funds will be invested abroad by 1995.

American funds now hold British equities worth $28.2 billion, compared with investment of only $16.2 billion in Canadian companies.

Cross-border investment has a twofold effect on individual markets. First, it can make them more volatile, with equities see-sawing for obscure reasons. A change in Massachusetts tax regulations could prompt heavy selling in London. Second, it makes markets more homogeneous. When American fund managers invest abroad, they buy the market, regardless of individual stocks.

These trends put stock analysts' jobs in peril. What is the point of pondering an earnings forecast for United Biscuits when the people with the money are deciding whether the British economy looks a better bet than Malaysia's?



Casinos

UNCHARITABLE commentators might be forgiven for viewing the merger of TV-am with Crockfords as merely a move from one casino into another. But there are other reasons, some even acknowledged by the Crockfords management, why investment in gambling clubs, even more than television franchises, should be left to the seriously rich.

The British love a flutter and the less opulent gaming establishments — bingo halls and betting shops — make a steady profit with the blessing of the authorities. But when the stakes are high, things seem to go wrong and the corporate history of the London casino industry has not been happy.

In popular legend, posh casinos should be full of gangsters, dubious foreigners, spies and *femmes fatales*. The Gaming Board is not a fan of the Ian Fleming school of casino management and has firm views on how they should be run and who should own them. Its decisions can spell instant penury for shareholders. Investors in a casino company that loses its licence might as well rip up their share certificates.

In the 1970s, Ladbroke and Coral lost their licences, while more recently, London Clubs, which owns the Ritz and Les Ambassadeurs, had a run-in with the gambling authorities. The clubs had been acquired from Grand-Met in a £175 million leveraged buyout but a dawn raid on several establishments in 1991 led to a mass resignation of senior management, cancellation of a flotation and headaches for the banks.

Following the management shakeout, Frederick and David Barclay, owners of *The European* newspaper, took over London Clubs to the satisfaction of the regulator, as the casinos have retained their licences and are open for business.

Crockfords is, by all accounts, a well-run establishment and its chairman, Gary Nesbitt, welcomes the tight regulation of his business which, the record shows, is highly profitable but volatile. London casinos depend on the patronage of a small group of high-rolling gamblers. The money they convert into chips, known as the "drop", can vary enormously according to international relations, exchange rates and fashion. At Crockfords, just ten people accounted for half of the win, or income, in each of the past three years.

Crockfords shares are for those who like a little spice with their equity and perhaps more than a little risk, with the added promise of a 7.5 per cent yield.

Spring Ram

THE promise of a bid for Spring Ram appears to have evaporated, suggesting a degree of wishful thinking. It is hardly surprising that Masco, CMB or other parties are said to have been running their slide rules over the business, given its historic profitability.

But Spring Ram's shareholders would be foolish to sell out now if they believe there is better value to be generated from the business. A better price is likely to be obtained after six months of the new management.

WORD-WATCHING

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CRAZIA

(c) A copper coin of Tuscany, the twelfth part of a lira: the plural: *crazie*; Beckford (1787): "Four crazie only, somewhat less than three pence English."

GUAIAC

(a) A genus of trees and shrubs, *Zygophyllaceae*, native to the West Indies and the warmer parts of America, a tree of this genus, especially *Guaiacum officinale* and *Guaiacum sanctum*, a test for the absence of blood from the urine or faeces involving guaiac as a reagent: C. H. Bedford from the Clinical Handbook (1904): "The Guaiac test is an exceedingly delicate one."

KINKER

(b) An acrobat, a contortionist, from *kink*, recent American slang. Mencken, *American Language*, 1948: "A contortionist is a *frog*, *bender*, or *Limber Jim*, a snake-charmer is a *geek*, and all performers are *kinkers*."

PISTIC

(c) Pertaining to faith or trust rather than to reason: hence *ellipt.* as someone who accepts things simply on trust: Ogden and Richards *Meaning of Meaning* (1923): "The purely verbal systems so characteristic of pistic speculation."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White's rooks made use of the whole board with 1 Rh1+ Nh5 2 Bxh5 gxh5 3 Rha1! mating.

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VERITY GROUP PLC
(Incorporated and registered in England No. 514718)
REFINANCING PROPOSALS INCLUDING
PLACING AND OPEN OFFER
BY
CLOSE BROTHERS LIMITED
of
83,274,594 new Ordinary Shares of 5p each at 6.5p payable in full upon application
PLACING WITH TOMEI INTERNATIONAL (HOLDINGS) LIMITED
of
15,384,615 new Ordinary Shares of 5p each at 6.5p
AND
INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICIAL LIST of 199,465,296 Ordinary Shares of 5p each

Present		Share Capital	Proposed	
Authorised	*Issued*		*Authorised*	*Issued*
120,000,000	100,000,000	Ordinary Shares of 5p each	250,000,000	199,465,296

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Close Brothers Limited, 36 Great St Helen's, London EC3A 6AP
Verity Group plc, Gasoline House, Borough Road, Godalming, Surrey GU7 2AE
Peel Hunt & Co. Limited, 62 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8HP

9th August, 1993

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Prospects for coal undermined by lack of energy policy

From Mr R. T. Arguile

Sir, Your Industrial Editor's report (July 22) dealing with British Coal's annual report and accounts refers to an operating profit of £545 million, and later on why this becomes a loss of £588 million, but makes no mention whatsoever of the fortieth annual profit made by the opencast coal side, which was £160 million on a turnover of £648 million.

Profit per tonne was £10.67. This makes the overall profit from opencast coal mining since 1942 around £3.61 billion from 566 million metric tonnes (mmt), so averaging £6.37 per tonne over 50 years.

This same coal is very competitive with overseas imported coal in price, calorific value and low ash, sulphur and chlorine content.

The cutback of coal demand over the next three years due to the dash for gas means that this "golden goose" will lay a smaller egg of annual profit to the further detriment of the coal industry.

The letter from Richard Tallboys of the World Institute for Coal (Business Letters, August 4) refers to the rising worldwide demand for coal and says that the UN Economic Commission for Europe forecast is for world hard coal to rise from 3,500 mmt in 1992 to 4,300 mmt in 2010. By then our own indigenous oil and gas supplies will be falling (and maybe failing) and we may then be importing energy as coal, oil and gas. Even today, it is folly to import surplus nuclear power from France and close mines (and pay out dole and redundancy sums).

So for cheap energy today we sacrifice long-term winnable coal reserves in the UK tomorrow, for once mines are closed they will not reopen. At the moment we have five sources of energy — coal, gas, oil, nuclear fission and renewables. We need to maintain this varied permutation since renewables will never exceed 5 per cent, nuclear power is already heavily subsidised (£1.2 billion per annum) and its true costs suspect (Ross Tieman's article "Nuclear Dinosaurs or fossil fuel power: the hard choice", July 27), and oil and gas will run out in the UK within 30 or so years.

The coal industry? Thanks to the collective efforts of Messrs Heseltine, Wakeham and Parkinson, it will largely have disappeared.

What a policy — or lack of one?

Yours faithfully,
R. T. ARGUILE,
12 Edward Road,
Market Harborough,
Leics.

Could Scargill factor be the cause?

From Mr Duncan Rutter

Sir, Mr Richard Tallboys (Business Letters, August 4) asks why Japan, Korea and Taiwan plan for an increase in coal consumption in power stations while Britain seems bent on permanently sterilising its indigenous reserves.

Could it be that none of these countries has experienced the attentions of Mr Arthur Scargill?

Yours faithfully,
DUNCAN RUTTER,
50c Kew Green,
Richmond, Surrey.

Challenge on nuclear power figures wide of the mark

From the Chief Executive, Nuclear Electric

Sir, Mr Zenz (Business Letters, August 4) is wide of the mark when he says the figures in my letter of July 29 need his clarification. Allow me in turn to clarify major inaccuracies in his letter.

The use of avoidable costs is the method which economists regard as the most relevant for deciding whether an existing station should remain open or not and is also the most suitable method for comparing the relative economics of a number of stations. Mr Zenz asserts that Nuclear Electric can make its avoidable costs as low as we please — this is simply not correct.

The company's allocation between avoidable and unavoidable costs has been examined by both our auditors and a second *independent* firm, Ernst & Young. Ernst & Young found that if anything we had erred on the side of conservatism and had made our avoidable costs higher than they thought necessary.

As far as the accounting cost of decommissioning is concerned, the cost provisions in our accounts are reduced by the application of 2% pa discounting. It is normal economic practice to do this when dealing with cash flows occurring over a number of years. Not to do so would definitely not satisfy an economist or indeed a potential investor.

Yours faithfully,
DR R. HAWLEY,
Chief Executive,
Nuclear Electric,
Barnett Way,
Barnwood,
Gloucester.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

League of quiet millionaires

WHAT's the difference between Cyril Stein and John Ritblat? About £150 million, according to a survey of Britain's more reclusive millionaires due out this week. Stein, 65, chairman and joint managing director of Ladbroke Group, has made a tidy £200 million on the back of his bookmaking-to-hotels empire, according to a study by *Esquire* magazine. Ritblat, 57, chairman of British Land, trails home with a mere £50 million, much of it invested in works of art. Other top-of-the-league players include Jacob and Jeremiah Harouni, a pair of Iranian immigrants, who have built a £180 million property fortune, and Richard Dunhill of tobacco fame. John Dick, a Jersey-based lawyer and financier, and David Wickens, the auctioneer now resident in Spain, each of whom are worth about £100 million. Sir Humphrey Cripps, the industrialist, and Bill Scholl, as in shoes, romp home with about £75 million-£100 million apiece and Michael Pemberton, the Barbados-based hotels and property magnate, just pips Ritblat with £50 million-£75 million. Henry Hoare, senior partner of C Hoare & Co, the Fleet Street private bank, is worth £50 million . . . give or take a few account charges.

Warburg roundup

WHISPER it quietly, but strange things are happening at Yamaichi, the Japanese securities house with offices on Finsbury Pavement. It seems the patter of feet from nearby SG Warburg Securities has become a mini-stampede in recent weeks, with no fewer than four ex-Warburg hands signing up. John Shepperd, UK gilts economist at 1 Finsbury Avenue, has joined as chief economist, replacing Neil MacKinnon, who left last year to join Citibank as chief currency strategist. Shepperd's sidekick, Nigel Richardson, joins as gilts analyst, and John Battye, former head of gilts sales at Warburg, starts in a similar role in October. Rounding off the package is Stephen Plunkett, who has joined the syndicates team. Other recruits from elswhere include Adam Chester, former bond strategist at the Bank of England, Philip Tyson, former European economist at UBS, and Jim Goodey, who came over from NatWest Markets as overall head of Yamaichi's gilts operation. "I am delighted that we have been able to recruit so many high-calibre people," says Michael Hutchinson, managing director of Yamaichi International (Europe).



"We've struck it poor"

Perking up

WESTERN expatriates in the Orient get fewer executive perks than their Asian counterparts, but they are worth more, according to a survey released in Hong Kong. On average, the new breed of Asian manager is likely to receive company-paid housing, taxes, school fees, car, stock options, club fees, travel allowance and various types of insurance, according to the survey by the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. Western expats enjoy annual perks worth $147,000 on average, compared with $106,000 for Asian expatriates and $83,000 for local managers. Among Asian nationals, Hong Kong Chinese managers are the best off, receiving perks worth $137,000. Japanese and Singaporean managers don't do too badly either, averaging $116,000 and $101,000 in perks respectively.

Home from home

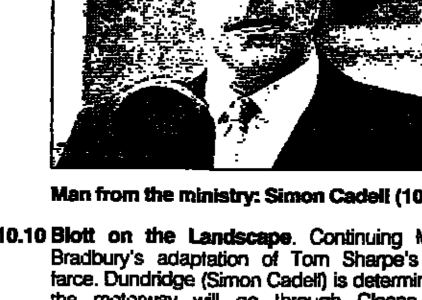
EURO Disney may be having a little local difficulty but the grand daddy of the theme park industry can always rely on the folks back home to give it a boost when the going gets tough. The Urban Land Institute, the Washington DC real estate think tank, has been looking at the European property market and intends to follow last September's seminar in London with a similar offering in Paris in October. But being abroad need not involve total cultural immersion and what better place for participants to discuss "Real estate success in today's Europe" than Euro Disney?

JON ASHWORTH

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (73199)
7.00 Breakfast News (44641644)
9.05 Hangar 17. Comedy and music hosted by Mickey Hutton (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9284625) **9.25 Artifax**. Including a feature on first editions of early comics (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5187408)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1197606) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (3012373) **10.25 Lassie** (r) (5015267)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8574793) **11.05 The High Chaparral** (r) (5444489) **11.55 The History Man**. A commemoration of Sid Bates, who was posthumously awarded the VC for his service in Normandy (9495731)
12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5890248) **12.05 Man on the Rim**. How the first Australians made their mark on the continent (2486606) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (71522354)
1.00 News at One with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) Weather (91422)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80269880) **1.50 Going for Gold**. Gameshow with the gregarious Henry Kelly (s) (80270996) **2.15 Dallas** (r) (s) (4555002) **3.05 Bazaar** Includes an item on the traumatic effects of burglary (s) (5437118) **3.35 Dream Merchants of Asia**. India's film industry (5215335)
4.00 Tom and Jerry Cartoon (4658593) **4.10 The Adventures of Skippy** (s) (2281441) **4.35 Toxic Crusaders**. Animation (r) (s) (3106915) **5.00 Newsround** (2395731)
5.10 The Lowdown: Positive Thinking. A documentary on children born HIV positive (r). (Ceefax) (3048064)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (470286) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (460)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (712) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Hunters in the Wild: Dressing for Dinner. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (4996)
7.30 Young Drivers of The Year. The grand final, presented by Mike Smith (Ceefax) (996)
8.00 Food and Drink's Choice Cuts. Highlights from the last series including British Rail chefs challenged to cook on a French train and a visit to the Munich beer festival (3644)
8.30 Waiting for God. Diana (Stephanie Cole) runs for the council (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2151)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1165)
9.30 Panorama: A Peace Made in Hell. A look behind the scenes of the Bosnian peace negotiations, including an interview with Lord Owen (782052)



Man from the ministry: Simon Cadell (10.10pm)

10.10 Blott on the Landscape. Continuing Malcolm Bradbury's adaptation of Tom Sharpe's bawdy farce. Dundridge (Simon Cadell) is determined that the motorway will go through Cleene Gorge (320002) **Northern Ireland:** The Duty Men (r) 10.55 Blott on the Landscape 11.50 Come Dancing 12.25-12.55 Making Advances
11.10 Come Dancing. The second semi-final (397199)
11.40 Making Advances: The First Refusal. In the series on sexual harassment at work Emma Freud suggests that women confront their tormentors (177557) **12.10am Weather** (5365942)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (8214002)
8.00 Breakfast News (4194809)
8.15 Ghostwriter. Part one of another five-part American adventure series designed to promote literacy. A group of children from Brooklyn, New York, find a ghost who can only communicate through reading and writing (r) (s) (1741625)
8.40 Collecting Now. John Fitzmaurice Mills looks at the fragile media of charcoal, chalk and pastel (r) (4468373)
9.00 Film: Let's Make Music (1940, b/w). Enjoyable musical about an elderly music teacher who writes a song which becomes a popular hit. Much of the picture's character comes from bandleader Bob Crosby (Bing's brother), making his film debut. Co-starring Jean Rogers and Elisabeth Risdon. Directed by Leslie Goodwins (1850828)
10.20 Summer Praise. Featuring hymn-singing tourists and locals in Clovelly, Devon (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5014538)
10.55 Cricket: Fifth Test. England v Australia. Live coverage of the final day's play. Introduced by Tony Lewis (s) (59041170)
1.00 A Week To Remember (b/w). Pathé News from 1953 (84953422)
1.10 Children Talking. Programme in which children in 1968 were asked about visiting the moon (r) (28949593)
1.20 Johnson and Friends. A boy's toys come to life (r) (22549557)
1.30 King Rollo. Animation narrated by Ray Brooks (r) (93887996)
1.35 Cricket: Fifth Test. Further live coverage (s) (67422996). Includes **News** and weather at **2.00** and **3.00**
6.40 Hide and Seek in Iraq (r) See Choice (615809)

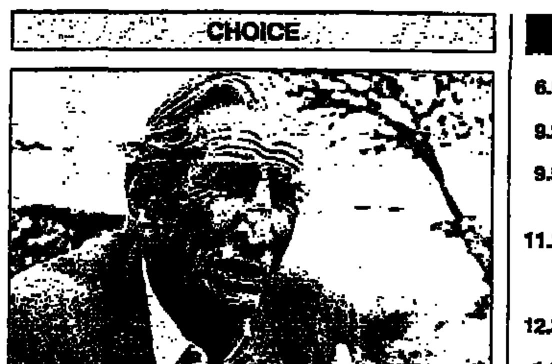


Claudio Abbado raises his baton (7.30pm)

7.30 BBC Proms — Live. Claudio Abbado conducts tonight's Prom featuring the Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra. Features Mussorgsky's *Songs and Dances of Death* and Anton Bruckner's Fifth Symphony. Introduced by Michael Berkeley. With simultaneous broadcast on Radio 3 (s) (23156248)
9.40 Small Objects of Desire: The Condom. A history of the contraceptive device which has changed its image from an embarrassing piece of rubber to everyone's flexible friend (r). (Ceefax) (561644)
10.00 KYTV. Comedy series set in a satellite television station (r) (s) (96828)
10.30 Newsnight. Analysis of key news issues. (Ceefax) (189002)
11.15 Cricket: Fifth Test. Highlights of the final day's play (s) (216880)
11.55 Weatherview (948267)
12.00-12.55 Regions Apart. How different areas of the United Kingdom relate to the global economy (2924861)

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Across the desert: Wilfred Thesiger (C4, 9.00pm)

Travellers' Tales: Arabian Sands
Channel 4, 9.00pm

After featuring Norman Lewis last week the travel series turns to another octogenarian, Wilfred Thesiger. His epic journeys were made in Arabia just after the second world war. During five years in the so-called "empty quarter", he crossed the desert twice. The going was hard but Thesiger was determined to live like the natives. The compensations were the beauty of scenery and the companionship of the Arab nomads. Thanks to the combustion engine the quarter is empty no longer. Thesiger hopes they will not discover oil. The film is part reminiscence, drawing on Thesiger's writings, his magnificent photographs and the thoughts of the man himself, and partly a reunion with travelling companions of more than 40 years ago.

Hunters in the Wild: Dressing for Dinner
BBC1, 7.00pm

The series on predators and their prey shows how the natural world uses disguise, subterfuge and poison either to catch its lunch or to avoid ending up as someone else's. The only criticism of an absorbing film is that it moves too fast. Hardly have we taken in the ability of the orchid mantis to hide itself in an orchid flower than we are whisked under the ocean to watch seaweed devouring the fish that came to eat it. The chameleon makes a predictable, *but still startling* appearance, changing from brown to green as if worked by remote control. Among animals which pretend to be deceased to avoid being gobbled up is the hog-nosed snake. Well might the commentary describe it as the diva of the death scene.

Global Image: La Linea
Channel 4, 11.00pm

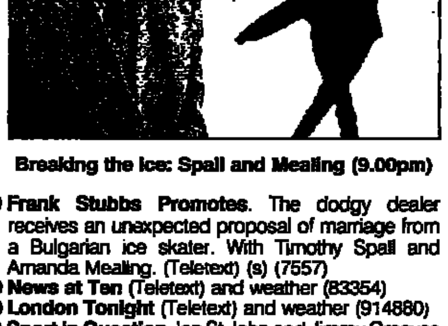
The border between the United States and Mexico is a favourite topic for television documentaries, usually to tell a story of drug running and illegal immigrants. This French film ignores neither but takes a wider view. It travels the 2,000 mile frontier from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean, drawing on a mixture of history, geography, anthropology and reportage. The underlying theme, inevitably, is how a line drawn artificially in the 19th century can separate the world's richest country from one of the poorest. The result is an ironic two-way traffic with Mexicans flooding north to find work and American companies going south to exploit cheap labour. To one group the frontier is a nonsense. The American Indians, after all, were there centuries before it was created.

Hide and Seek in Iraq
BBC2, 6.40pm

Another repeat, but nobody can object to a second showing of this excellent *Horizon* special about the United Nations search for Saddam Hussein's nuclear arsenal, which draws extensively on video material shot by the UN commission. It reveals an elaborate game of cat and mouse, with the Iraqis superficially polite but doing their best to frustrate the mission and the UN team forced to retaliate with subterfuges of their own. Sometimes civility was suspended, as in the stand-off which resulted in the UN inspectors having to spend four days marooned on a parking lot. We also get glimpses of the notorious supergun, though it hardly looks very menacing. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment. The guests include David Icke (4131286)
9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5647489) **9.50 Cartoon** (2447151)
9.55 London Today (2446422) **10.00 Swamp Fox** (4391847) **10.55 ITN News** headlines (6862712) **11.00 James Bond Jr**. Cartoon (6889489)
11.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show (6859248) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9497199) **12.00 Cartoon** (r) (7858606) **12.10 Tots TV** (r) (s) (2543489)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8190915)
1.05 London Today (Teletext) and weather (84989847)
1.15 Home and Away. (Teletext) (842083) **1.45 A Country Practice**. (s) (841354)
2.15 London Wildlife Challenge. Chris Packham and Tony Hare go in search of alien species living wild in London (r) (s) (833335) **2.45 Families** (s) (3663267)
3.10 News Headlines (1249644) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1248915) **3.20 The Young Doctors**. Hospital drama (2936151)
3.50 Cartoon (4219267) **3.55 Bertie the Bat** (r) (4218538) **4.00 T-Bag and the Rings of Olympus** (r) (4228915) **4.25 The Real Ghostbusters** (r) (2271064) **4.50 Johnny Ball Reveals All.** Johnny Ball illustrates how ceramic can save a life. (Teletext) (8355793)
5.10 Home and Away (Teletext) (2385644)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (485462)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes Whoopie Goldberg and Ted Danson talking about their new film *Made in America* (Teletext) (18538)
7.00 Jimmy's. Real-life stories from St James's University Hospital in Leeds (s) (9064)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (444)
8.00 Wheel of Fortune. Nicky Campbell presents the game of chance (8712)
8.30 World In Action: A Lesson for Teacher. A report on the battle between the traditionalists and the progressives as they try to create the best education system for our children (s) (7847)

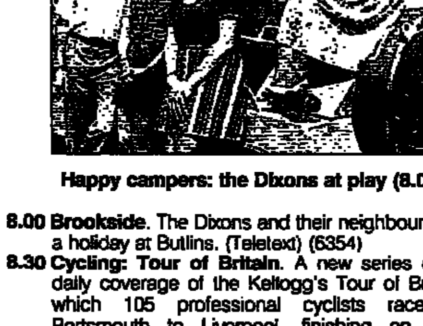


Breaking the ice: Spall and Mealing (9.00pm)

9.00 Frank Stubbs Promotes. The dodgy dealer receives an unexpected proposal of marriage from a Bulgarian ice skater. With Timothy Spall and Amanda Mealing. (Teletext) (s) (7557)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (83354)
10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (914880)
10.40 Sport In Question. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves are joined by Damon Hill, John Fashanu and *Sun* journalist Colin Hart (s) (285625)
11.40 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93. The New England 200 race in Loudon, New Hampshire (326731)
12.40 The Beat. Including music by CNN, Bjork, Grant Lee Buffalo and Chapterhouse (s) (5695923)
1.40 Sport A.M. The latest event in the World Rally championships from Argentina (5374039)
2.40 60 Minutes. American news magazine (7641958)
3.30 Videofashion. A look at the softer styles of the 1990s (69768)
4.00 Hollywood Report. Including a visit to a shop dealing in actors' cast-offs (r) (s) (46861)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (22132)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (93132)
5.30 ITN Morning News (28213). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Feline fun (1244170)
6.45 Ovide. Animation (1467625)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (14373)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. American high school comedy drama (93731)
9.30 Star Street. Animated adventures inspired by the signs of the zodiac (r) (2113199)
9.55 Hammerman. Animation featuring the music of rapper Hammer. Our intrepid hero is kidnapped (r) (2121118)
10.25 Pugwall. Australian children's drama series (r) (2464828)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Part one of *The Red Sea Sharks*. Tintin helps the Emir of Khemed to fight against the arms-smugglers (r) (8633444)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. The Brown Street boys find themselves at war (r) (6881847)
11.50 What On Earth. Canadian animation showing a Martian's view of humankind (7318170)
12.00 High 5. Extreme sporting action (r) (80267)
12.30 Sesame Street. Popular early learning series with guest Raven Symone (r) (36625)
1.30 Bobobobs. Animation about ecologically-minded aliens (r) (23460)
2.00 Film: Let George Do It (1940, b/w). A ukelele player is mistaken for a secret agent during the second world war. It could only happen in a George Formby film. Directed by Marcel Varnel and co-starring Phyllis Calvert (47809)
3.30 The King's Stamp. Feature about the production of the King George V Silver Jubilee stamps (r) (5232002)
3.55 Garden Club (r). (Teletext) (9238373)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game presented by Richard Whiteley and featuring guest Tim Rice (s). (Teletext) (977)
5.00 Kingdom of the Plains: Elephants of Tsavo — Love and Betrayal. How Kenyan wardens and individuals are hitting back against elephant poachers who are threatening the survival of the species (r). (Teletext) (6977)
6.00 Children's Ward. Hospital drama series (r) (170)
6.30 The Wonder Years. Kevin has difficulties with sibling rivalry (r). (Teletext) (422)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) and weather (482793)
7.50 Comment. Stephen Small suggests that it is time the West paid reparations to Africa for its years of colonialism and slavery (806511)



Happy campers: the Dixons at play (8.00pm)

8.00 Brookside. The Dixons and their neighbours enjoy a holiday at Butlins. (Teletext) (6354)
8.30 Cycling: Tour of Britain. A new series offering daily coverage of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain in which 105 professional cyclists race from Portsmouth to Liverpool, finishing on Friday. Commentary comes from Phil Liggett, Paul Sherwen and Allan Piper (5489)
9.00 Travellers' Tales: Arabian Sands. (Teletext) See Choice (5199)
10.00 I'll Fly Away. Drama series about racial conflict, starring Sam Waterston. (Teletext) (s) (8286)
11.00 Global Image: La Linea (The Line). See Choice (268489)
12.50 Nights of Revolution. French drama series (r) (5781774). Ends at **1.50**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Anglia News (84989847) **2.15** The De Medici Kitchen (833335) **2.45-3.10** Families (3663267) **3.50-3.50** Cartoon (5210880) **5.10-5.40** Champions (2385644) **6.00** Home And Away (886199) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (735002) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (914880) **10.40** The Magic and Mystery Show (405441) **11.10** IndyCar 93 (349557) **12.05am** Special Report (6231107) **12.35** Crime Story (5788687) **1.30** Sport AM (8305381) **2.35** Donahue (7644045) **3.25** The Beat (6680942) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17925958) **4.30** Riviera (22132) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.05pm Central News (84989847) **1.15** A Country Practice (842083) **1.45** Home and Away (841354) **2.15** Right or Wrong (833335) **2.45-3.10** Families (3663267) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2936151) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2385644) **6.00** Home And Away (886199) **6.25-7.00** Central News (735002) **10.30** Central News (914880) **10.40** Film The Lives Of Jenny Nolan (38926977) **12.30am** The Beat (15403) **1.30** Musical Routes (75768) **2.00** 60 Minutes (7985720) **2.55** Music Box Special (9349045) **3.55** Job Finder (8806478) **5.05-5.20** Take 15 (6237294)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV News & Weather (84989847) **2.15-2.45** Yan Can Cook (833335) **3.50-3.50** Cartoon (5210880) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (18538) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (914880) **10.40** The Andy Sheppard Wrap (405441) **11.10** Special Report: Domestic Violence (382267) **11.40** The War Of The Worlds (693915) **12.35am** Kojak: Loser Takes All (5788687) **1.30** Sport A.M. (8305381) **2.35** Donahue (7644045) **3.25** The Beat (6680942) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17925958) **4.30** Riviera (22132) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (93132)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales News (84989847) **6.00** Wales At Six (826) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (880) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (914880) **10.40-11.10** Love At First Sight: Pas de Deux (405441)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Meridian News & Weather (84989847) **2.15** Dining In France (833335) **2.45-3.10** Families (3663267) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2936151) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (828) **6.30-7.00** Nature and Wildlife (880) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (914880) **10.40** Billy (405441) **11.10** Film Secret Witness (Leaf Phoenix) (568170) **12.40am-1.40** The Beat (5695923) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.05pm Tyne Tees News (15894624) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (18044147) **1.45** Murder, She Wrote (7494489) **2.45-3.10** Families (3663267) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (465606) **6.30-7.00** Robson's People (880) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (914880) **10.40** A Woman's Place (405441) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (349557) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (6231107) **12.35** Film: Sink Or Swim (702584) **2.25** Entertainment U.K. (7900039) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (8920942) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7753923)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Westcountry Latest (84989847) **1.45** The Young Doctors (841354) **2.15** Gardening Time (833335) **2.45-3.10** Families (3663267) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2936151) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (18538) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (914880) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (405441) **11.10** Island Son (136539) **12.10am** Short Story Theatre (8748671) **12.35** Kojak (5788687) **1.30** Sport A.M. (86720) **2.30** Donahue (9346958) **3.25** The Beat (8920942) **4.25** Get Stuffed! (86558749) **4.30** Riviera (22132) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (93132)

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As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Calendar News (84989847) **1.45** Murder, She Wrote (7494489) **2.45-3.10** Families (3663267) **5.55** Calendar (465606) **6.30-7.00** It's A Vet's Life (680) **10.30** Calendar News (914880) **10.40** A Brush With Ashley (405441) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (349557) **12.05am** Nigel Mansell's Indycar 93 (6231107) **12.35** Film: Sink Or Swim (702584) **2.25** Entertainment U.K. (7900039) **3.25** ITV Chart Show (8920942) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (7753923)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (14373) **9.00** Saved By The Bell (93731) **9.30** Star Street (2113199) **9.55** Hammerman (6350002) **10.20** Pugwall (3015460) **10.45** The Adventures Of Tintin (4579248) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (3122575) **11.35** Sandokan (8388915) **12.05pm** Bloody Bosnia: Right To Reply Special (8548538) **12.30** Sesame Street (36625) **1.30** Hangin' With Mr Cooper (23460) **2.00** Film: Come On George (283335) **3.35** Hamlet's Dilemma (5231373) **4.00** Garden Club (793) **4.30** The Wonder Years (977) **5.00** Countdown (8070) **5.30** Brookside (557) **6.00** Newyddion (246557) **6.10** Heno (831625) **7.00** Jacpot (7606) **7.30** Hollol Bananas (606) **8.00** Mewn Twll (6354) **8.30** Newyddion (992064) **8.55** Bwrg O Fflith (290460) **9.30** Cheers (11625) **10.00** I'll Fly Away (949286) **10.55** Tour Of Britain (409267) **11.25** Travellers' Tales (431101) **12.25am** Bloody Bosnia: Tourist Sarajevo, '93 (8170045) **12.35** Dream On (5441316) **1.05** Bloody Bosnia: Artists For Bosnia

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (2061575) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1385248) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (18437070) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (53625) **10.00** Card Sharks (6304731) **10.25** Concentration (7226441) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9389557) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (39606) **12.00** E Street (46847) **12.30pm** Three's Company (57441) **1.00** Falcon Crest (52996) **2.00** Aspen (13170) **3.00** Another World (3228644) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5448441) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2557) **6.00** Games World (6489) **6.30** E Street (9511) **7.00** Rescue (3286) **7.30** Full House (8625) **8.00** It: Concluding the mini series (49471) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (92538) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (50199)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (34712) **6.30** News and Business Report (174847) **9.30** Roving Report (55847) **10.30** Memories (47575) **11.30** International Business Report (17977) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (47511) **1.30** CBS This Morning (97070) **2.30** Memories (98151) **3.30** Travel Destinations (35083) **4.30** News and Business Report (3538) **5.00** Live at Five (742977) **7.30** Special Report (4267) **9.30** Talkback (34373) **11.30** CBS News (39489) **12.30am** ABC News (35039) **1.30** CBS News (27774) **2.30** Memories (63942) **3.30** CBS News (48687) **4.30** Special Report (60284) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (46687)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3936915)
10.00 Hour of the Gun (1967) James Garner stars as Wyatt Earp (68557)
12.00 Ice Castles (1978) An ice skater is blinded in an accident (27373)
2.00pm Silent Night, Lonely Night (1969): Two lonely people, Lloyd Bridges and Shirley Jones, meet and fall in love (16118)
4.00 The Last of the Secret Agents? (1966): Spy spoof with Marty Allen (7489)
6.00 Body Slam (1987) Dirk Benedict promotes Rowdy Roddy Piper as a wrestling rock 'n' roll star (59963511)
7.40 UK Top Ten (778151)
8.00 Boyz N the Hood (1991) Drama about three childhood friends in Los Angeles. With Larry Fishburne and Ice Cube (27258)
10.00 Frankie and Johnny (1991) Short-order cook Al Pacino pursues waitress Michelle Pfeiffer (59335)
12.00 Lambada (1990). A dance teacher leads a double life (857805)
1.45am I Start Counting (1969) Jenny Agutter suspects that her foster brother may be a murderer (21754132)
3.50 Till Death Us Do Part (1991): A pair of lovers murder the woman's husband for money (8714381). Ends at **5.20**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Beast with Five Fingers (1946): Peter Lorre is menaced by the severed hand of a pianist (61606)
8.00 Iron Eagle (1986): Jason Gedrick steals a fighter to rescue his father (66151)
10.00 Omen III: The Final Conflict (1981): Sam Neill stars as the anti-Christ, whose apocalyptic plans are jeopardised by a divine baby (718809) Ends at 11.45

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am A Night In Havana (1957) Errol Flynn plays a croupier in Cuba (87002)
8.00 Happily Ever After (1990): Animated adventures of Snow White (86444)
10.00 Yogi Bear and the Magic Flight of the Spruce Goose: The bears and friends fly around the world (66199)
12.00 Born Free (1965): Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers raise lion cubs (25915)
2.00pm Just for You (1952): Musical with Bing Crosby and Jane Wyman (53660)
4.00 Happily Ever After (as 8am) (8731)
6.00 Loose Connections (1983): A feminist, Lindsay Duncan, travels across Europe with a chauvinist, Stephen Rea (94996)
8.00 Queens Logic (1991): Comedy-drama about a group of childhood friends. With Kevin Bacon and John Malkovich (98441)
10.00 Judgment (1990) A couple believe their son is being abused by a priest (57977)
12.00 Cool Blue (1988). Woody Harrelson searches for his dream woman (453671)
1.35am White Lie (1991): A politician's aide, Gregory Hines, confronts his past (979720)
3.10 Cold Dog Soup (1990): A man tries to bury a beautiful woman's dead pet (8458316) Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (83441) **7.30** Golf: Buick Open (73606) **9.00** Prime Bodies (80287) **9.30** Superbikes (65847) **11.00** Golf: Buick Open (270335) **1.30pm** Charity Shield. Arsenal v Manchester Utd (36828) **3.30** Waterskiing (60793) **4.30** Windsurfing (4286) **5.00** Trucks 'n' Tractor (1847) **6.00** Wrestling (5151) **6.30** Horse Racing from Leicester and Thirsk (50606) **8.30** Monday Night Football (84151) **10.30** Ringside (98199) **11.30-1.30am** ATP Tennis (73625)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (97644) **8.00** Golf (58977) **9.00** Volleyball (85335) **9.30** Athletics (60915) **11.00** Motorsport (73064) **12.00** ATP and Austrian Open Tennis (3834625) **4.00** German Touring Cars (95151) **5.00** IndyCar (6915) **6.00** Eurofun (1737) **6.30** Eurosport News (1199) **7.00** ATP Tennis (98373) **9.00** Boxing (59847) **10.00** Eurogoals (29606) **11.00** Golf (94557) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (46364)

UK GOLD
7.00am Defenders of the Earth (2732903) **7.30** Neighbours (9782668) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1707996) **8.30** EastEnders (1708267) **9.00** The Bill (1720847) **9.30** The Pallisers (1428538) **10.30** South of the Border (2601170) **11.30** Rhoda (8385625) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1700083) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5504996) **1.00** EastEnders (3182444) **1.30** The Bill (6503267) **2.00** George and Mildred (1054354) **2.30** Shelley (6571408) **3.00** Dallas (8389441) **4.00** Dynasty (8375248) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1045606) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (2071444) **6.00** Neighbours (6221967) **6.30** The Pallisers (6382538) **7.30** George and Mildred (6326511) **8.00** EastEnders (1074118) **8.30** Shelley (1053625) **9.00** South of the Border (1009118) **10.00** The Bill (1701712) **10.30** Naked Video (1710460) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9394644) **11.45** Dr Who: Frontier in Space (7881731) **12.15-2.00am** Film: Badman's Territory (1946, b/w) starring Randolph Scott (4423720)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (88083) **7.00** Babar: Mask (4224593) **7.55** Ratkan II (9374642) **8.30** David the Gnome (30809) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (54489) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs, Ovide (74731) **10.00** Chocky's Challenge (31199) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-Man (43373) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (42083) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (43712) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (64354) **1.00pm** The Dreamstone (61826) **1.30** Gravedale High (84118) **2.00** Adventure (4712) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (5731) **3.00** Babar (2054915) **3.25** Ratkan II (5683083) **3.30** The Berenstain Bears (4248) **4.00** Bobobobs (6083) **4.30** Betty's Bunch (2267) **5.00** Phoenix Hall (5064) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (6847) **6.00-7.00** Fame (60538)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Modern Art Kitsch and the Avant Garde **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle presents music, news and weather. Including Mozart (Symphony No 1 in E flat, K16. Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood), Prokofiev (Romeo and Juliet excerpts Philharmonia under Barry Wordsworth); Liszt (Concert Study No 2, La leggierezza: Solomon, piano); Hahn (Le bal de Beatrice d'Este: New London Orchestra under Ronald Corp)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Mozart the Keyboard Virtuoso. Susan Sharpe introduces Piano Concerto No 9 in E flat, K271, Jeunehomme (English Chamber Orchestra under Murray Perahia, piano), Piano Sonata in A minor, K310 (Alfred Brendel)
10.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring; Summer Night on the River), Walton (Cello Concerto: Timothy Hugh); Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat)
11.45 Prom Artist of the Week: Shura Cherkassky, piano, plays Tchaikovsky, arr Pabst (Paraphrase on Eugene Onegin)
12.00 First Among Originals: Nicholas Anderson presents recordings by the Vienna Concentus Musicus. Telemann (Overture in G minor; Quartet in G, Tafelmusik, Der Tag des Gerichts, Contemplation No 4)
1.00pm News
1.05 Prague Chamber Orchestra performs a sequence with a Moravian connection, including a movement from Mozart's Symphony No 5 in F, K43
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia Commentary on the final day's play in the fifth Test at Edgbaston With Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew and Neville Oliver
6.10 Evening Sequence. A selection of music on disc
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London, in a simultaneous broadcast with BBC2 Gustav Mahler Youth Orchestra under Claudio Abbado performs Mussorgsky, orch Shostakovich (Songs and Dances of Death: Dmitri Hvorostovsky, baritone) **7.55** Roderick Swanston asks if Bruckner can be considered a Romantic composer (r). **8.15** Bruckner (Symphony No 5 in B flat)
9.40 The Man with Night Sweats: Thom Gunn introduces and reads three poems about the deaths of friends from Aids (r)
9.50 Minute Operas: A Hand of Bridge. Symphony of the Air under Vladimir Golschmann performs Samuel Barber's chamber piece for four soloists and a small orchestra. With Eunice Alberts, William Lewis, Patricia Neway and Philip Maero
10.05 Piano Duos and Duets: Ralph Markham and Kenneth Broadway play Mozart, arr Busoni (Overture, The Magic Flute); Mozart, arr Grieg (Fantasy in C minor, K475); Liszt (Grand Valse di Bravura, Hungarian Rhapsody No 2) (r)
10.45 Book, Music and Lyrics: Robert Cushman presents a personal view of musicals
11.30 Music Restored: Malcolm Proud, harpsichord, plays Couperin (Ordre No 22 in D), Bach Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 894); Scarlatti (Sonatas in D, K430-492)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Margaret Martyn **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day with Dr Paula Clifford **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Off the Rails: Written and read by Lisa St Aubin de Teran **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Live Wires, with Richard Coles and Emma Freud
10.00-10.30 Questions of Taste (*FM only*), with Chris Kelly
10.00 News; Daily Service (**LW** only) from the Thomas More Centre, north London
10.15 The Bible (LW only): I Samuel. Robert Powell reads the first of five parts (r)
10.30 Women's Hour: Kathleen Griffin examines the politics of matriarchy. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Inside Money: Roger White investigates the security of offshore investments (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Brain of Britain: Northwest of England, Wales and Scotland. Robert Robinson chairs the third semi-final **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Facts Speak for Themselves, by Mark Leech, who has twice won the Arthur Koestler Award for writing by prisoners. Robert Holland's (Larry Dann) barrister has to explain the presence of a thumbprint to the jury. With Struan Rodger as Michael Hamilton (r)
3.30 Conversations with Historians: John Miller presents a new six-part series. In the first programme he talks to Lord Skidelsky, professor of international studies at Warwick University and the biographer of John Maynard Keynes, the 20th-century economist
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the Prague Festival Ballet on tour, and previews Tom Paulin's first play, *All The Way to the Empire Room*, on Radio 4 tonight
4.45 Short Story: True Romance, by Caroline Forbes. Read by Sinol Jenkins
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue, chaired by Humphrey Lyttelton, With Willie Rushton, Barry Cryer, Graeme Garden and Tim Brooke-Taylor
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Art of Travel: Annette Kobak invites Dea Birkett to reflect on her journey to West Africa (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: All The Way to the Empire Room. See Choice
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Heather Payton **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: 1955. See Choice
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Delve Special. Stephen Fry plays the spoof investigative reporter David Lander (r)
11.30 The Gypsy Genius: Max Harrison recalls the first meeting between the guitarist Django Reinhardt and violinist Stephane Grappelli in 1934 (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

All the Way to the Empire Room. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*
Tom Paulin's play about the 1921 Anglo-Irish conference that led to the partition of Ireland is never less than spellbinding. How could it be anything else, with a stage occupied by the manoeuvrings of Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith and Erskine Childers, and a "plot" that sows the seeds for successive decades of death and destruction? If Paulin is guilty of trying to cut back the impenetrable jungle of Irish politics so that it can fit into a neat back garden, he has at least given us a reliable compass to help us find our way through it.

A Book at Bedtime: 1955. *Radio 4, 10.45pm.*
These three readings by the black American actress Whoopi Goldberg reactivate the actress-writer partnership forged in Steven Spielberg's movie, *The Color Purple*. Alice Walker's *1955* describes the relationship between a black songwriter and the Presley-type singer who, thanks to her songs, becomes a pop sensation of Presley proportions. It is not a profound tale, perhaps, but one lit by flashes of intelligent observation. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow with Simon Mayo from Paignton **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Lynn Parsons **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **5.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Skyman **9.00** Out on Blue Six with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (**FM** only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. 5.00am Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Alan Dell **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz **10.00** Jazz Greats: The Stan Getz Story **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00am** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** A Field of Devils, by Michael Butt (1/3) (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia **1.00pm** News Update **1.10** Summer Sport **7.15** Summer Stories: What the Neighbours Did, by Phillipa Pearce Read by Liza Goddard **7.30** Sporting Albums. Nick Faldo (r) **8.00** Partnerships (r) **8.30** Fanshawe on Five **9.30** Cult Heroes: The Fat Slags (r) **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin, Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: The End of the Affair **5.45** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** Recording of the Week **7.30** Images of Women, Images of Men **8.00** News **8.30** Images of Wales **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Health Matters **9.30** Anything Goes **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Parallel Lives **10.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **10.45** Sport **11.00** Images of Women, Images of Men **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** News **12.30pm** Composer of the Month: Mendelssohn **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Brain of Britain **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf. The End of the Affair **3.45** Party Party **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** The Essential Guides to Music **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** On Screen **12.30** Multitrack 1 **1.00** News **1.30** Game, Set and Match **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Folk Routes **2.45** Health Matters **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Brain of Britain **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sport

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Prokofiev (Piano Concerto No 2 in G minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classical Gas **8.00** Evening Concert: Sibelius and Beethoven **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Andre Leon

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Wendy Lloyd

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Germans increase pressure on franc

■ Markets hoped for a French rate cut to restore economic growth when it reinstated the five-ten day repurchase rate but its strong franc policy appears to remain.

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

A BUNDESBANK warning to the markets not to assume any quick cuts in its key lending rates is today expected to intensify pressure on the French franc, after a week of eerie calm that followed the effective suspension of the European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM).

Despite the leeway for lower French interest rates provided by the franc's new 15 per cent fluctuation bands, the Banque de France has kept its short-term money market rates at 10 per cent, in what appears to have been a continuation of the *franc fort* policy.

But the central bank's decision on Friday to reinstate its five-ten day repurchase rate, suspended last month in a vain attempt to quell speculation against the franc, was widely read as preparation for interest rate cuts.

The tentative signal was sufficient to push the Paris bourse to a three-year high, as investors became more optimistic about a resumption of economic growth. But the franc took a beating, dropping 2.25 centimes to end the week at 3.4895 to the mark, about six centimes below its old ERM floor.

Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, in an outward display of confidence that the onslaught on the franc and his economic policy is over, has gone on holiday. Inaction by the authorities is, however, likely to be seen as a taunt to the markets, which remain convinced that France, in its deepest recession since the war, must cut interest rates.

Edmond Alphandéry, the French economics minister, insisted at the weekend that France was not about to abandon its strong franc policy. He rejected the accusation that he triggered the run on the franc, almost exhausting French reserves, by provoking a dispute with Theo Waigel, the German finance minister.

After Britain was forced out of the ERM last September, the pound was allowed to drop 10 per cent. Since the ERM parity bands were widened from 2.25 per cent to 15 per cent for most currencies last week, effectively letting them float, the franc has fallen only 1.5 per cent.

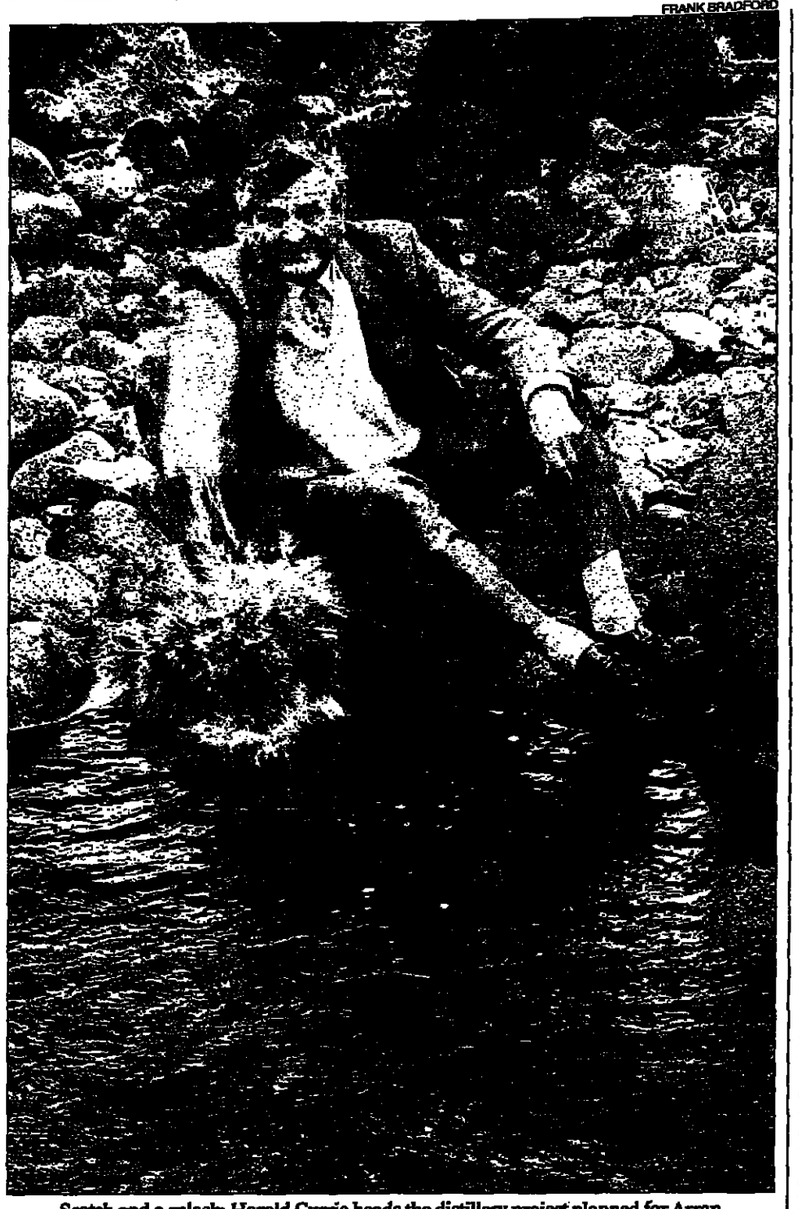
Hopes that the Bundesbank would continue to ease its monetary policy, to prevent Germany's recession from worsening, were dismissed at the weekend by Johann Wilhelm Gaddum, a director of the bank. He told the *Börsen-Zeitung*, a financial newspaper, that the markets should not assume that the Bundesbank would automatically continue to cut its leading rates.

The surprise lowering of the repurchase rate to 6.7 per cent last week was widely interpreted as a sign that the discount rate would soon be lowered, possibly before the next Bundesbank council meeting on August 26.

Some analysts believe M Balladur might still sanction a hefty cut in interest rates in the autumn. But remarks by Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, underlined that the Bundesbank expects France to be more interested in stabilising its currency than in sharp interest rate cuts.

In Britain, unemployment figures, out on Thursday, are expected to show the sixth consecutive monthly fall. City forecasts centre on a seasonally adjusted decline of 5,000. This is likely to reinforce the Treasury's case for withholding any cut in base rates. Producer price data for July, published today, are expected to contain scant evidence of inflationary pressures. Consumer credit figures for June, also out today, are forecast to show that consumers upped their borrowing sharply.

FRANK BRADFORD



Scotch and a splash: Harold Currie heads the distillery project planned for Arran

A deal to raise spirits in Arran

BY DEREK HARRIS AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ARRAN, the island off Scotland's west coast, is to get its first whisky distillery for 150 years with a £2.5 million project headed by Harold Currie, a leading figure in the scotch whisky trade.

Construction of the distillery, at Lochranza, is planned to start early next year. It will include a visitor centre where it is expected at least 5 per cent of sales will be made to tourists. Some islanders had expressed concern that the project — which will create around ten jobs — would damage tourism and affect the island's environmental balance. The Arran venture is a greenfield start-up that must be funded for some years before the whisky is ready for sale. The first spririt should be produced around the autumn of 1994, but none will be sold until 1998.

Mr Currie said: "It used to be said that when whisky was made on the island, which with its hilly geography is Scotland in miniature, the Arran Water, as it was known, was Scotland's best whisky. But what Arran malt will actually taste like remains a mystery for now. The conditions there are ideal, so we believe it will be a superb whisky." Scotch sales in the UK overall are about 6 per cent down, although some 2 per cent up in export markets. But Mr Currie said: "Premium whiskies, like the single malts, are already a growing sector, and I believe this trend will continue."

To gain some immediate cash flow, Isle of Arran Distillers has started offering whisky futures, promising bondholders ten cases of whisky for a minimum £450. Half will be ready in 1998, when the malt will have matured sufficiently to be the basis of a blended scotch. The rest will be available in 2001 as a seven-year-old malt.

Safety ruling fillip for nuclear power

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NUCLEAR Electric has achieved a breakthrough in the battle to re-establish the credibility of atomic power ahead of this autumn's review by the government.

The state-owned nuclear energy group has won approval from safety inspectors for a three-year interval between routine inspections at its Hartlepool power station, in Cleveland. This should bring a £20 million lift to revenues in the second year, because a shutdown of two or three months will be avoided. Hartlepool, an advanced gas-cooled reactor station, has been closed every second year for statutory inspection.

If a similar waiver could be agreed for the other four AGR stations that make up the bulk of the company's capacity, Nuclear Electric could expect a profits lift of as much as £33 million a year.

Approval was granted by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate less than three weeks after Nuclear Electric abandoned plans to re-open its Trawsfynydd Magnox plant, in Snowdonia, in the face of the inspectorate's concerns over possible corrosion of reactor pressure vessels.

Ray Hall, Nuclear Electric's operations director, emphasised that safety would not be compromised. "Safety is the top priority and the case we presented to the inspectorate has taken full account of our own stringent safety requirements," he said.

The Hartlepool decision will raise hopes at Nuclear Electric of further substantial efficiency improvements. These are vital if the nuclear industry is to save itself from slow extinction.

Senior executives at Nuclear Electric are aware that the 50-year flow of state funding is running dry. They have begun to believe, however, that if the government took on liability for decommissioning, they could persuade private sector investors to fund new plant construction.

Improving the operating availability of the AGR stations is the key to Nuclear Electric's economic case for survival. The older Magnox plants are approaching the end of their lives, although some operating extensions have been granted.

Julien set for Owners Abroad

BY OUR CITY STAFF

OWNERS Abroad, the troubled holidays company, is expected to announce this week that Michael Julien, former Storehouse chief, is to be appointed non-executive chairman.

He will succeed Howard Klein, who resigned when Owners Abroad produced a profits warning last month, not long after fighting off a £290 million takeover bid from Airtours, its larger rival. Mr Julien, an accountant, is seen by institutions as the right man to ensure strong financial controls.

The appointment of Mr Julien, now reported to be fully recovered from the debilitating viral infection that caused him to leave Storehouse in 1992, is expected to clear the way for Errol Cossey, the director in charge of Owners' Air 2000 subsidiary, to become group chief executive.

☐ Rupert Hambro, who heads JO Hambro & Co, appears ready to become deputy chairman of Tiphook, the troubled container lessor. Mr Hambro is already a non-executive director. Tiphook last month reported a £28 million loss. Share movements have twice been investigated this year after price slumps before profit warnings.

French low-price stores mount a silent invasion

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

A FRENCH low-price supermarket chain, which has quietly established a bridgehead in Kent, is advancing rapidly into south London and possibly preparing to cross the Thames.

Ed, a wholly owned subsidiary of Carrefour, the French hypermarket group, opened its first store in Maidstone, where it displays the 500-item range of goods on which it has based its UK market programme. Many of the items would look very much at home in a French supermarket but there are also more British-looking goods.

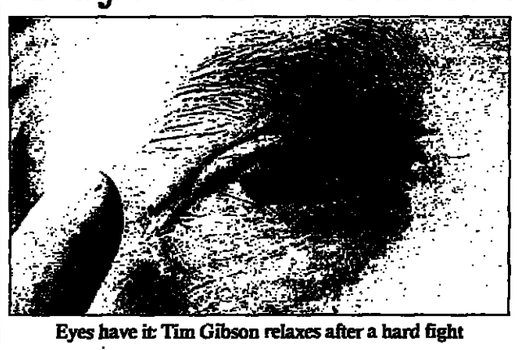
Ed operates 300 low-price outlets in France and is also testing the Italian market. In Britain, it is avoiding publicity about its plans. A spokesman for Erteco, the London company running the UK shops, said the company preferred not to disclose details of its operations in Britain for the time being, as the concept was still being tested.

Since Maidstone, Ed has opened shops in Bexleyheath, Lewisham and Peckham. It is understood that all are showing a profit.

Many of the non-French goods sold by Ed are brands from Netto, the Danish cut-price store that has established itself in the north of England. Ed trades as Europa Discount elsewhere in Europe but the name was registered to other owners in Britain, forcing Erteco to resort to the abbreviated form.

☐ The Office of Fair Trading said it would be "very interested" in a secret study into prices and profits, reported to have been inititated by the Safeway, Tesco and Sainsbury supermarket chains. The OFT said it would be "duty bound" to look at the matter if any evidence of anti-competitive behaviour were found, but added that it had no firm evidence that the report existed.

Buy-in team focuses on Hydron



Eyes have it: Tim Gibson relaxes after a hard fight

ONLY after 36 hours of negotiations with Allergan to acquire Hydron, the contact lens manufacturer, were over did Tim Gibson, managing director and leader of the buy-in team, swap his glasses for his lenses. Despite the discomfort some wearers suffer from long use, CINVen, the venture capital company, and CVC Capital Partners clearly believe Hydron has a bright future and have jointly underwritten funds of £14 million. NatWest Acquisition Finance will provide further banking facilities.

Langham Estate deal near

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE Langham Estate, an 11-acre portfolio of prime London real estate north of Oxford Street, is to be sold for about £56 million. It is being bought from the receivers of Grovewood, the collapsed property company, by Capital Trust, a Middle Eastern-backed fund management group based in Mayfair.

The deal, which is expected to be signed within a month, should bring to an end the sale of the estate which has lasted almost two years since Grovewood went down in October 1991.

Price Waterhouse, the receivers, have had offers from the Li family of Hong Kong as well as Helical Bar, the property company run by Michael Slade. His £45 million bid is still on the table.

Capital Trust is adding property management expertise to the deal by teaming up with Hemingway Properties, which is expected to receive a profit participation.

DTZ Debenham Thorpe, which is acting as agent for the receivers, confirmed that the estate was under offer and a spokesman for Capital Trust said that negotiations were under way. Half the purchase price is expected to be equity, with the investment placed with Capital Trust's Middle Eastern shareholders and investors. The balance will be debt-financed with United Bank of Kuwait and DePfa, the German mortgage bank, tipped as lenders.

Capital Trust does not make direct investments itself but acts as a conduit for real estate funds from private Saudi and Gulf individuals and their family trusts.

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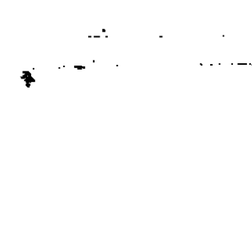
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Aron Nimzowitsch, who was at his peak in the early part of this century, played chess with a rare mystery and strange beauty. Today's position is from the game Nimzowitsch - Bernstein, Carlsbad 1923. How did White conclude with a delightful rook manoeuvre?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CRAZIA
a. A form of madness
b. A temporary enthusiasm
c. A coin from Tuscany

GUAIAC
a. A medical test
b. A bee plant
c. A Mexican island

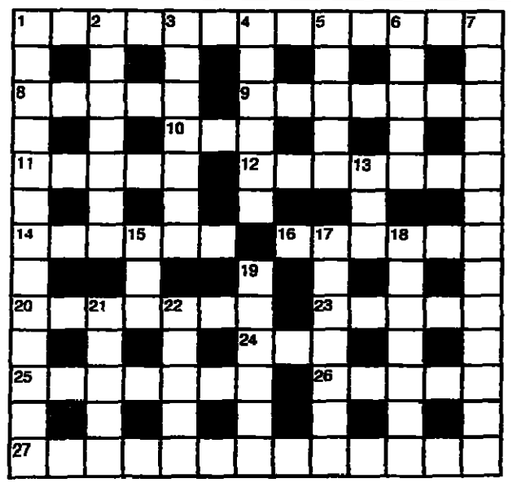
KINKER
a. Without a kink
b. An acrobat
c. A metamorphic rock

PISTIC
a. To ridicule someone
b. A small meteor
c. Pertaining to trust

Answers on page 30

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14 Great quantities (6)
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20 Pre-fight check (5,2)
23 Savaged by bull (5)
24 Leach solution (3)
25 Spare time (7)
26 Cruise ship (5)
27 Closed group (6,7)

DOWN
1 British monarch's first son (6,2,5)
2 Brought on (7)
3 Suppose (7)
4 Actors' group (6)
5 Alcohol/acid compound (5)
6 Aquiline bird (5)
7 Louisville race (8,5)
13 Vigour (3)
15 Ship's record (3)
17 Heavenly (7)
18 Put in order (7)
19 Except that (6)
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